

September Week 1

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Neon Hearts

SUPPLIES:

Black paper, neon hearts label, neon paint, paper plates, craft tubes, baby wipes, plastic tablecloth, metallic permanent marker

SET-UP:

Put up the Wet Paint sign to warn parents, cover tables with tablecloths, pre-fold the tubes to shape them like hearts

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a piece of black paper and a label sticker. Use the metallic permanent marker to write each child's name on their paper.**
 - *"Friends, come sit at the table. Today we're going to make a craft to remind us that Jesus' love shines like a bright light. First, we're going to put this sticker on our papers. The sticker says **I can love like Jesus.**"*
 - *"We are going to use these tubes as stamps. They're folded up to make a shape, who can see what shape it is? (Pause.) That's right! A heart! Hearts remind us of love."*
- ⇒ **Give each child a pre-folded tube. Set out plates of paint on the table. Encourage children to dip their heart in the paint and stamp it all over their paper.**
 - *"Take your heart and carefully dip it in the paint, like this. (Demonstrate.) Then, you can stamp it onto your paper. You can probably stamp it again before you need more paint. Take turns and use different colors to fill your paper with hearts."*
 - *"Wow! These look great, let's set them aside to dry."*
- ⇒ **Pass out baby wipes to clean fingers and bring it Back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Today, we learned that God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World—not a light like a flashlight or glowstick or night light, but a light that helps us see how amazing God is! When Jesus helped people, He was a bright light showing us how God helps people. When Jesus forgave people, He was a bright light showing us how God forgives people. When Jesus loved people, He was a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too. We can all love like Jesus."*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
I can love like Jesus!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Light Up the World

SUPPLIES: Parachute, flashlight

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Spread the parachute out on the ground and have children gather around it to play a game.**
 - *“Friends, gather around the parachute and we’re going to play a game. For this game, we aren’t going to pick up the parachute. Today we learned that God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World who shows us how God loves people and how we can love people too. Let’s pretend that this parachute is the world and we’re going to go into the world to be a light!”*
- ⇒ **Cue children to step onto the parachute and act out different ways to show love. Shine the flashlight on each child as they act out showing love.**
 - *“When I say ‘Bright light!’ I want you to jump into the world. Ready? One, two, three, BRIGHT LIGHT! (Pause.) Awesome! Now we’re going to practice being a light in the world and loving like Jesus. Turn to a friend and show me what it looks like to ask a friend to play. (Shine the flashlight at the children who are acting it out.) Look! Our friends [children’s names] are loving like Jesus! See the light?”*
 - *“Everyone, put your hands above your head and twinkle your fingers while I ask you our question: **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!** Now let’s step out of the world and start again! (Repeat with different ways to love like Jesus.)*
 - Hug a sad friend
 - Share your toys
 - Say “please” and “thank you”
 - Draw a picture for someone who is sick
 - Forgive someone for knocking over your block tower
 - (Come up with more actions if interest continues.)
- ⇒ **Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“When Jesus helped people, He was a bright light showing us how God helps people. When Jesus forgave people, He was a bright light showing us how God forgives people. And when Jesus loved people, He was a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too.*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
 - ***I can love like Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Pass the Flashlight

SUPPLIES: Flashlight, CD Player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we heard that Jesus is the Light of the World. Jesus is a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too.*
- *We are going to play a fun game to help us remember that we can love like Jesus! We are going to play pass the flashlight. When the music plays, we are going to pass the flashlight around the circle. When the music stops, if you are holding the flashlight, I want you to turn it on and let it shine! Then I will ask you our important question –*
- ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"***

⇒ **Play music and pass the flashlight around. Pause music. Have the child holding the flashlight turn it on and answer the question.**

- *"Alright turn your flashlight on! Can you answer my question?"*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"***

OPTION: If you are in a classroom with windows, you could turn the lights off to let the flashlight shine brighter. I would not recommend this if you are in an interior classroom with no windows as it could be very dark for little ones!

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we learned Jesus showed us how to love people and we can be a light like Jesus and love like Jesus!"*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!***

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY
SEPTEMBER WEEK 1

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *How Much Does God Love You?* By Michelle Medlock Adams

ASK A QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

I can love like Jesus!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.