

September Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

Move The Heart Book

SUPPLIES:

Folded book, heart cutout on ribbon, tape, crayons/markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a pre-folded book. Talk through the pictures to review the Bible Story.**

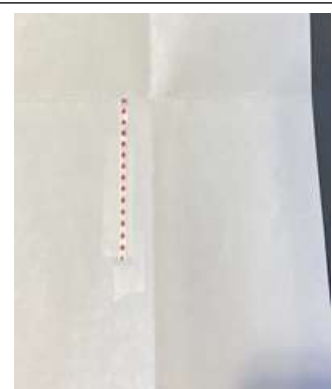
- *"Friends, come sit at the table. I have a neat book for us to make today to remind us of our Bible Story. Open your book and look at the picture of Jesus with the children. Did Jesus love the children? (Pause.) Yes! He did love the children, because Jesus loves everyone."*
- *"The next picture is Jesus and Zacchaeus. Did Jesus love Zacchaeus even when he made bad choices? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loved Zacchaeus even when he made bad choices because Jesus loves everyone!"*
- *"On the back of the book, it's a picture of Jesus with the woman at the well who was from a different town. Did Jesus love the woman even though she was different from him? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loved her even though she was different because Jesus loves everyone!"*
- *"And just like Jesus, we can love everyone, because we can love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"*

⇒ **Encourage children to color the pictures in the book. Once they color, open the book back up, and slip the ribbon through the slit and tape it down.**

- *"When you color your books, I'm going to come around and attach this heart to your book. This heart is to help us find the love in each picture. When you read through the book, you can use the heart to find the love on the page, like this. (Demonstrate.) Now you can use this book at home to remember that Jesus loves everyone and you can love everyone because you can love like Jesus!"*

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

- *"Just like in our true Bible Story today, we can love like Jesus and love everyone too! When we love everyone the way Jesus loves us, we are doing the most important thing Jesus taught us to do, and that's to love like Jesus!"*
- **Who can love like Jesus?
I can love like Jesus!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Loving Like Jesus

SUPPLIES: Story images, wall tape, heart stickers

SET UP: Tape story images around the room (new set for each service)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children and give each child a set of 3 heart stickers.**

- *"Friends, come stand with me! I have an activity to spread some love today. I'm going to give you three heart stickers. These heart stickers are the love that we are going to spread to the pictures from our Bible Story today!"*

⇒ **Encourage the children to find the image associated with each story and put a heart sticker on each image.**

- *"First, we heard how Jesus LOVES children. Jesus told the disciples to let the children come to Him. Let's go find the picture of Jesus and the children. (Pause.) Yay, you found it! Put one of your stickers on the picture to add some love. (Pause.) Jesus loves children, Jesus loves everyone, and we can too!"*
- *"Then we heard about Zacchaeus in our Bible Story. Jesus loved Zacchaeus even though he had made bad choices. Let's go find the picture of Jesus and Zacchaeus and put some love on that picture. (Pause.) Jesus loves people even when they make bad choices, and we can too!"*
- *"Then we heard about the woman at the well. She lived in a different town than Jesus and the people in her town didn't get along with the people from Jesus' town. But Jesus loved her no matter where she lived. Put some love on the picture of Jesus and the woman at the well. (Pause.) Jesus loved the woman! Jesus loves everyone—no matter where they live, and we can too!"*

⇒ **Give each child a heart sticker and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Wow! Look at all the love you spread to each of the pictures from our story! You did a great job loving like Jesus! I want to spread some love too! I have a heart sticker for each of you to wear home today. (Give each child a sticker.)"*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, when I think of how much Jesus loves me, it makes me so happy. And when I remember that I can love just like Jesus, it makes me want to dance. I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *“FREEZE!*
 - *Who can love like Jesus?*
 - *I can love like Jesus!*
 - *Let’s dance!*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then bring it back to the bottom line.**
 - *“Great dancing, everyone!!*
 - *Who can love like Jesus?*
 - *I can love like Jesus!*

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ACTIVITY #3

Picture It

SUPPLIES: Verse picture pages

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the start of the picture path.**
 - *“Friends, look at these pictures on the floor. Do you know what they say? ‘You are the light of the world’ Matthew 5:14. Wow! That’s our memory verse this month! Jesus is the Light of the World and He shows us how to love. I want each of you to take a turn hopping or walking the path saying the memory verse as you go. I will help you!”*
- ⇒ **Have children hop or walk from picture to picture saying the memory verse as they go. Some little ones may need to hold your hand or have you say the verse with them as they say it!**
 - *“You – are the light – of the world” Matthew 5:14*
 - *Great job!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Great job working on our memory verse.*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
 - ***I can love like Jesus!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *"The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None)" Jesus Storybook Bible, p 264*

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
 - ***I can love like Jesus!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today we are going to make a list of ways Jesus shows that He loves us, so when I call your name, tell me **one way Jesus showed that He loves people**. (Be ready to help children think of things like prays for us, listens to us, is a good friend, forgives us, helps us, died for us, lives for us, is kind, is patient, etc.)
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others by first loving us. Thank You for how Jesus (read the list the children made). Jesus loves us no matter what! Please help us to love others the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*