

September Week 4

2s

Light Bright

September 22

CRAFT WEEK 4

My Light

SUPPLIES:

Light label, flame cutout, paper cups, heart stickers, craft sticks, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a flame cutout, a craft stick, and a glue stick.**
 - *"Friends, come sit at the table. Today we're going to make a craft to remind us that we can be a light just like Jesus is the Light of the World. You each have flames that are going to be your light. Put some glue on the back and fold it, making a sandwich with the craft stick in between the papers. (Demonstrate.)"*
- ⇒ **Give each child a cup, a light label, and heart stickers. Invite children to stick label and hearts to decorate the cup. Then stick the craft stick through the hole in the cup so the flame sits inside the cup.**
 - *"Now we're going to decorate these cups. First, we're going to put a sticker on the cup that says **I can love like Jesus**. Then you can put heart stickers all over it. We're going to stick the flame into our cup and use our cup to review our story."*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Hold your cup with one hand and the stick with the other, then push the stick up. (Pause.) Look at your lights shining bright! Jesus told His friends, the disciples, 'You are the light of the world' (Matthew 5:14, NIV). Friends, that means when we love like Jesus, we shine bright, and then everyone can see that Jesus loves them. See your lights shining? Hold them up high. (Pause.) Good job! But when we do not love like Jesus, we are hiding our light. Pull your craft stick down so your light hides in the cup. (Pause.) That's not what we want, is it? No! Push your light up again so everyone can see. (Pause.)"*
 - *"In our Bible Story today, Jesus told His friends, the disciples, 'You are the light of the world' (Matthew 5:14, NIV). We learned how Philip, a friend of Jesus, let his light shine. Philip saw a man in a chariot reading God's words, but the man needed help understanding what he was reading. So, Philip helped and told him all about Jesus and how Jesus had come to be his friend forever. Philip loved like Jesus, and we can love like Jesus too."*
 - **Who can love like Jesus?**
I can love like Jesus!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Collecting Love

SUPPLIES: 4 buckets in different colors, heart cutouts in bucket colors

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children and set up buckets and spread out the hearts.**
 - *“Friends, come stand with me! Today let’s play a game and collect the love. See all the hearts spread out on the ground? When I say ‘go!’ I want everyone to pick up one (hold up one heart) heart. Then look for the bucket that matches the color of the heart you have and put it inside. (Demonstrate.) Then you can pick up another heart and put it in the bucket until all the hearts are collected.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to pick up the hearts and sort them by color. Repeat the game as interest allows.**
 - *“Are you ready to play? (Pause.) Let’s GO! (Pause.) Hooray! You did it! You collected all the love! Let’s play again! (Scatter hearts and reset the buckets.) That was so much fun getting all the hearts in the matching buckets! Thank you for helping collect all the love!”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a heart sticker and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“When we love like Jesus, we shine bright like a light! Philip was a light for the man in the chariot. He helped the man learn about Jesus. Philip loved like Jesus, and we can too.*
 - ***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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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 4

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.