

September Week 4

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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. Help the children attach the flame to the craft 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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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! Give each child who hops through the path a heart sticker!**
 - *“You – are the light – of the world” Matthew 5:14*
 - *Great job! Here is a heart sticker to remind you how much God loves you!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

- ⇒ **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 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Words to Love By* by Rick Warren

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

- ⇒ “Since Philip loved like Jesus by helping the man in the chariot, we are going to make a list of people we can help, so when I call your name, tell me **one person you can help**.
 - *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, we want to be a light and love like Jesus. Help us love like Jesus by helping (read the list the children made). We want everyone to know that Jesus loves them and that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*