

September Week 2

3-K

Light Bright

September 8

CRAFT WEEK 2

Light Bright Hearts

SUPPLIES:

Light Bright Hearts page, 1" neon circle stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Give each child an activity page and set the neon circle stickers out. Invite children to put the neon stickers on the "X" marked spots.
- *"Friends, come find a spot at the table. Look at all the circles on your paper! Do you see the circles that have a little 'x' mark in them? (Point.) Those circles are really important, so I need you to take the bright colored stickers and put them only in the circles with an 'x.' Grab some bright stickers and put them on the 'x' spots!"*
 - *"Wow! Look at the cool colors! Can you tell what it is? (Pause.) Yes! It's a heart! Hearts make us think of love and this can help us remember that Jesus loves everyone and we can love everyone when we love like Jesus. Wow! Look how bright your heart shines!"*
- ⇒ Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
- *"Right in the middle of your heart, it says **I can love like Jesus.** Today in our Bible Story, Jesus loved the man in our story and wanted to help him. Jesus loves all the people in the world! And we can too! We can love everyone like Jesus."*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?**
I can love like Jesus!"*

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ACTIVITY #1

Get Up and Walk

SUPPLIES: Flashlight

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Invite children to line up along a wall to play a game.**

- *"Friends, come line up along this wall. The man in our true Bible Story couldn't walk. He was waiting by the water because he thought if he could get in the water, he would be healed. But when Jesus came along, Jesus loved him and told him to get up. And what did he do? (Pause.) That's right! He got up and walked.*
- *"We're going to play a game today to help us remember this story. It's kind of like Red Light, Green Light, but instead when I say 'Uh Oh' you're going to sit down on the ground like the man in our story before Jesus healed him. Then when I say 'Get up and walk' like Jesus said, you'll get up and walk forward."*

⇒ **Play the game with the children.**

- *"Let's all start sitting down like the man from our story. Ready? Get up and walk! (Pause.) Uh Oh! (Keep going until everyone reaches the stopping point and repeat as interest allows.)"*

⇒ **Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Jesus loved the man in our story and wanted to help him. Jesus loves all the people in the world! And we can too! We can love everyone like Jesus*
- ***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 helped a man by a pool who could not walk. Jesus made him walk because Jesus loved him and Jesus loves everyone!. Jesus is a bright light showing us that we can love everyone 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 loves everyone and we can love everyone too!*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *"First, let's say it once together. 'You are the light of the world.' Matthew 5:14"*
 - *Now let's try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*

- ⇒ **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.**
 - *"Nice work, my friends!"*
 - *Who can love like Jesus?*
 - *I can love like Jesus!"*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart* by Jill Roman Lord

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 heard how Jesus helped a man who could not walk and Jesus made him walk! Jesus helped him because Jesus loves everyone, and we can love everyone, too! I want to make a list of people we can love, so when I call your name, tell me **one person you love**.
 - *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 that Jesus loves each one of us. Thank You that Jesus loves (read the list the children made). Thank You that Jesus loves everyone! Help us love like Jesus and love everyone too. Then we can be the light of the world, like Jesus! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*