

CRAFT WEEK 4

Wheels On the Bus Verse

SUPPLIES: Bus handout, smiley-face stickers (5 per kid), crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Review the Memory Verse.**

- *"Friends, come sit at the table. We've been learning an awesome Memory Verse! Let's do the motions as we say it together. 'Love (cross arms over chest) each other in the same way (point to others) I have (point up) loved you,' (cross arms over chest) John 15:12. (Open hands like a book.) Great job, friends! Today we're going to make a craft to help us remember our memory verse."*

⇒ **Give each child a Bus handout and crayons and invite them to color. Then give each child 5 smiley-face stickers and invite them to put them into the windows of the bus.**

- *"What do you see on the page in front of you? (Pause.) A bus! That's right. And here on the bus, it says our Memory Verse: 'Love each other in the same way I have loved you.' John 15:12! Jesus loves us and that makes me SO happy! Let's all color our buses!"*
- *"Now that our buses are colored, let's add some friends to the bus. I have smiley face stickers, and I want you to put a smiley face in each window like it's someone riding the bus!"*

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

- *"Jesus loved his friends the disciples so much. They were all different, from different towns with different jobs and liked different things, but Jesus invited each of them to come with him like our friends on the buses you made because Jesus loved them! He loves every one of you, too, because **Jesus loves everyone!**"*
- ***"Who does Jesus love?"***
- ***"Jesus loves everyone!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Jesus Loves, Jesus Loves...

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children gather on the carpet in a circle.**
 - *"Friends, come sit here in a circle on the floor. I have a really fun game for us to play!"*
- ⇒ **Walk around the circle tapping children on their heads like Duck, Duck, Goose but saying "Jesus loves" and selecting someone to run by saying "Jesus loves [Child's name]."**
 - *"I'm going to walk around the circle and tap the tops of your heads. If I say your name, I want you to jump up and run around the circle and back to your seat. Are you ready? Here we go! Jesus loves, Jesus loves, Jesus loves, Jesus loves, Jesus loves . . . [child's name]! Run, run, run! Great job, [child's name]! Okay, here I go again! (Continue until each child has a turn.) That was really fun playing with you today and learning that Jesus loves everyone!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Jesus loves us because **Jesus loves everyone!***
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Musical Heart Walk

SUPPLIES: Heart path cutouts, Jesus heart path cutout, floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Set out heart cutouts in a circle on the ground, one per child, and invite children to stand on a heart. Include one heart with Jesus on it.**
 - *“Friends, come stand over here with me. What do you see? A heart path! Can you stand on a heart? (Pause.) Great job!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to walk in a circle while you play music. When the music stops, ask children to stand on the closest heart and identify the child standing on the Jesus heart. Review the Bottom Line and repeat until every child has a chance to stop on the heart with Jesus.**
 - *“I’m going to play some music, and I want you to walk around the circle. When the music stops, I want you to stand on a heart. Here we go. (Play the music, then stop after several seconds.) You stopped—great job! Who’s standing on the heart with Jesus? [Child’s name] is standing on the heart with Jesus! Jesus loves [child’s name]. **Jesus loves everyone.** Let’s keep going! When you hear the music, start walking.” (Repeat until every child has a chance to stop on the heart with Jesus.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - **“In our Bible Story, we learned that everyone can follow Jesus because Jesus loves everyone.**
 - **Who does Jesus love?**
 - **Jesus loves everyone!”**

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

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 – Keep all month

- *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart*

ASK A QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

Jesus loves everyone!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other in the same way I have loved you.” John 15:12

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.