

**July Week 1**

**3-K**

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# **CRAFT WEEK 1**

## *Memory Verse Hearts*

**SUPPLIES:**

Verse handout, verse heart cutouts (3), crayons, glue sticks

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Review the new memory verse with the children before starting the craft.**
  - *“Friends, come stand with me, and let’s do the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. Ready? ‘Be kind and loving (cross arms over chest) to each other,’ (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) Great job! Find a seat at the table.”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a verse handout and a set of heart cutouts. Encourage the children to color the hearts and then glue them onto the handout in the correct order.**
  - *“Today we’re going to make a special craft with these three heart cutouts. Color each heart with a different color. (Pause.) Super! Each heart has words on it. You need to glue the heart that says, ‘Be kind and loving’ in the first heart outline on your page. (Help children identify that heart.) Great! Now the next heart you need is the one that says, ‘to each other.’ (Help each child identify the correct heart.) Glue that heart in the middle outline. (Pause.) Now the last heart gets glued in the last outline. This heart says: ‘Ephesians 4:32.’ (Clean hands as needed.) Your papers are filled with love!”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“We can do what Jesus says and, ‘Be kind and loving to each other.’ Jesus was kind and loving to Peter when he forgave Peter and gave him a do-over. We can forgive like Jesus, and we can do what Jesus says!*
  - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
  - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Feelings Memory*

**SUPPLIES:**      Feelings cards

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Split the children up into groups of 4-8 with a leader with each group. The leader should mix up the cards and lay them in a grid face down.**
  - *“Hey friends, we’re going to split you up into groups to play a game. Everyone gather around your leader and we’ll play a memory game.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to take turns flipping over 2 cards and looking for a match. Once all matches are found, reshuffle cards and repeat.**
  - *“Alright friends, now we have a bunch of cards here, and each card has a match. We’re going to take turns flipping over 2 cards to see if we can find a match. [Child’s name], you can go first, flip over 2 cards. (Pause.) I see (describe emotions on the cards). Those are not a match but let’s remember where they are so if we see another card with the same face we can find it again! Now it’s [child’s name]’s turn.” (Continue playing until all matches are found. If time and interest allow, reset the cards and play again.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
  - *“In our Bible Story today, Peter felt a lot of emotions. Peter was scared when people asked if he was friends with Jesus. Then he was sad when he realized he didn’t do what Jesus said. Then he was happy that Jesus was back and so excited when Jesus forgave him! Jesus loved Peter no matter how he felt and Jesus loves you too and wants to be your friend forever!*
  - ***Who can do what Jesus says?***
  - ***I can do what Jesus says!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Jesus Says...*

**SUPPLIES:**      None

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Invite the children to come and spread out in the middle of the room.**
  - *“Friends, come over here and spread out! Stick your arms out and make sure you aren’t touching your neighbor. (Pause.) Have you ever played Simon Says? (Pause.) Today we’re going to play Jesus Says!”*
- ⇒ **Play Simon Says as Jesus says and review the Bottom Line.**
  - *“For this game, I’m going to be Jesus and I’m going to say ‘Jesus says..’ and tell you to do something like touch your toes. Let’s try it. ‘Jesus says, touch your toes.’ (Pause.) Great job! But if I don’t say ‘Jesus says...’ then you don’t do what I say. So if I say ‘clap your hands’ but I DON’T say ‘Jesus says...’ then anyone who claps their hands has to sit down. Are you ready to play?”*
  - *(Play as long as children are interested. Each time you pause for kids to sit down, ask:*
  - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
  - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
  - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
  - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***

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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. 'Be kind and loving (cross arms over chest) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) 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 do what Jesus says?*
  - *I can do what Jesus says!"*

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JULY WEEK 1

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

- *I Know Jesus Loves Me* by P.K. Hallinan

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who can do what Jesus says?***
- ***I can do what Jesus says!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Be kind and loving to each other.” Ephesians 4:22**

#### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Jesus was kind and loving when Jesus forgave Peter. Forgiveness is loving someone like Jesus and giving them a chance to have a do-over. You love them like Jesus even if they make a mistake. We can do what Jesus says and be kind and loving to everyone. Let’s make a list of people we can be kind to, so when I say your name, tell me **one person you can be kind to.**

- *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 be kind and loving to others. Please help us to do what Jesus says and be kind and loving to (read the names listed in the journal). Please help us to remember to love like You and give others a do-over when they make a mistake. We want to do what Jesus says and love like Him. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*