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*May 31-June 1* 

## CRAFT WEEK 1 Stop and Love Like Jesus

**SUPPLIES:** Stop sign cutout, red crayons, crayons, jumbo craft sticks, tape

#### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Give each child a stop sign cutout and a red crayon and invite them to color.
  - o "Friends, come sit with me. We're going to make stop signs to help us remember to stop and love like Jesus! What do we do when we see a stop sign? (Pause for answers.) Yes! We stop. What color is a stop sign? (Pause for answers.) Red, great job! Let's color the stop sign red."
- ⇒ Set out the rest of the crayons and invite children to color the pictures on the stop sign. Give each child a craft stick and tape it to the back of the stop sign.
  - "On your stop sign have pictures on those of how you can stop and love like Jesus. You can stop and invite a friend to play. You can stop and share a snack with someone. And you can stop and give a friend a hug when they are sad. Let's color the pictures of ways we can love like Jesus."
  - o "Now, let's add a handle so we can hold up our stop sign."
- ⇒ Use the stop sign to review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line
  - "Now let's use your stop signs while we review today's story. When I say, 'stop,' hold up your stop sign. Ready? Okay!
  - o "In our story, we heard how Jesus showed the disciples how to love others while they followed Him. One time a soldier asked Jesus to help someone who was sick. And Jesus . . . stopped. (Pause.) Raise your stop signs. Jesus stopped and helped the person who was sick.
  - o "Another time Jesus showed the disciples how to love others was when Jesus saw some children who wanted to meet Him. So Jesus stopped. (Pause.) Raise your stop signs. Jesus stopped and spent time with the children.
  - o "Another time Jesus showed the disciples how to love others was when they were walking through a crowd. A woman touched Jesus' clothes because she needed help. And as soon as she touched His clothes, she felt all better. Now what do you think Jesus did then? Yes! Jesus stopped. (Pause.) Raise your stop signs. Jesus stopped and was kind to the woman. Great job, everyone!
  - o "Jesus stopped for all those people because Jesus loves everyone and wants to show everyone how to love others! We can stop and love others like Jesus too.
  - o "Who shows you how to love others?
  - "Jesus shows me how to love others!"

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# ACTIVITY #1 Following Jesus

**SUPPLIES:** Jesus image, painter's tape

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Gather the children and show them the picture of Jesus.
  - "Hey friends, come over here! We're going to play a game today. I have a
    picture here of someone. Who do you think is in this picture? (Pause.) That's
    right! It's Jesus! For this game I'm going to move Jesus around the room
    and you get to be the disciples and look around to follow Jesus."
- ⇒ Encourage the children to close their eyes while you move the Jesus picture around the room. Then, they can open their eyes and look for Jesus. With older children, you can hide Jesus in the room to make it more challenging.
  - "Everyone, close your eyes. I'm going to put the picture of Jesus somewhere in our room. No peeking. (Tape the picture of Jesus at child's height somewhere in the room.) Okay, now open your eyes. Where is Jesus? If you see Him, walk over to Him. (Pause.) Great job! Let's do it again! (Repeat as desired.) Wow, you disciples really did a great job of following Jesus!"
- $\Rightarrow$  Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.
  - "The disciples followed Jesus all over and Jesus showed them how to love others. We can learn from Jesus and learn how to love others, just like the disciples.
  - o Who shows you how to love others?
  - Jesus shows me how to love others!"

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### **ACTIVITY #2**

Parachute

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, Heart stress balls

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Have children join you around the parachute. Put the hearts on the parachute.
  - "Friends, let's have some fun together! This month we are learning that Jesus shows us how to love others. What does this look like? (Hold up the heart.) That's right! It's a heart. Hearts remind us of love. Let's put these hearts on the parachute and bounce them HIGH!"
- ⇒ Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the earth balls bounce off, ask...
  - "Who shows you how to love others?"
  - "Jesus shows me how to love others!"
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
  - o "Awesome job, friends! That was fun!
  - o "Who shows you how to love others?
  - o "Jesus shows me how to love others!"

Please keep the heart stress balls for next week. June Week 1

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

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**

o That's What a Friend Is! by PK Hallinan

### **ASK A QUESTION**

Who shows you how to love others?

Jesus shows me how to love others!

### PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Think and act as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5

### **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.