

June Week 4

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CRAFT WEEK 4

Random Acts of Encouragement Cards

SUPPLIES:

R.A.E. Cards, label cards, envelopes, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an envelope, label, and a set of R.A.E. cards.**
 - *"Friends, today we learned that encouraging others is one way we can love like Jesus! Let's make some special surprise encouragement cards to give away!"*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to glue the label to the front of the envelope and decorate the envelope and the encouragement cards.**
 - *"Glue this paper to the front of your envelope. Then you can decorate it. (Pause.) Super! Each of you has a set of cards that have different encouraging words on them. Do you remember what the word 'encourage' means? It means to cheer someone up—to say, 'Way to go!' 'You can do it!' or 'You've got this!' Decorate these cards and slide them into your envelope. (Pause.) Now when you see someone that needs encouraging, you can give them one of your encouragement cards and love like Jesus!"*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"In our Bible Story, we learned that one of Jesus' friends named Paul wanted to love others the way Jesus showed us how to love. So, Paul decided that he would encourage others by writing letters. Paul wrote lots of letters with encouraging words to lots of people and lots of churches all over. Some of Paul's letters are in the Bible, and now we can read them! Paul wrote letters to encourage people to keep loving others the way Jesus showed us to love others. Encouraging others is one way Jesus showed us how to love others.*
 - ***"Who shows you how to love others?"***
 - ***"Jesus shows me how to love others!"***



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ACTIVITY #1

Cheering Parade

SUPPLIES: Scarves, CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to line up in two lines facing each other. Give each child a scarf.**
 - *“Today, we learned that Paul encouraged others to love and follow Jesus. He wrote letters to tell them, ‘You’re doing great!’ and ‘Keep going!’ Encouraging others is one way we can show love like Jesus. Let’s practice cheering for our friends with this fun activity! We’re going to have a parade so let’s pretend there’s a road here and stand one either side of the road like we’re watching the parade. I’m going to give each of you a scarf to wave for the parade.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to cheer and encourage as each child gets a turn to walk down the path.**
 - *“Now, we’re going to take turns celebrating and encouraging each other. When someone walks down the road, we’re going to cheer and say encouraging things. What are some encouraging things you can say? (Pause for answers. If they need help, supply answers like ‘You’re awesome!’ or ‘Way to go!’) Great ideas!*
 - *“Now you’re each going to get a chance to walk or dance down the road and the rest of us will cheer for you! Ready? Here we go! (Start music. Pause for child to move down the road.) Great job! Stand on one of the lines and we’ll have another friend move through. [Child’s name], come join me and [walk down the road! (Continue until each child has a turn to move through. Repeat as desired.) You did such a great job cheering and encouraging each other in the Cheering Parade!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“When we cheer for our friends, we’re showing love and encouraging them, just like Paul encouraged others in his letters from our Bible Story today. It feels good to encourage others, doesn’t it? Encouraging others is one way we show love to them.*
 - ***Who shows you how to love others?***
 - ***Jesus shows me how to love others!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, we know that Jesus shows us how to love others. We can love others by celebrating them, encouraging them, and making them smile. You know one way we can do that? 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 shows you how to love others?***
 - ***Jesus shows me how to love others***
 - *Let’s dance!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
 - ***“Who shows you how to love others?”***
 - ***“Jesus shows me how to love others!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Heart Stress Ball, CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *"Friends, come sit in a circle with me. Let's say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. Ready? '**Think** (point to head) **and act** (walk in place) **as Jesus did,**" (tap finger to middle of each palm) **Philippians 2:5.**" (Open hands like a book.) Great job! I've got a heart here. We are going to play some music and pass the heart around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the heart will say our memory verse!"*


⇒ **Play music and pass the heart around. Pause music. Have the child holding the heart say the memory verse.**

- *"It's your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!"*
 - *"Think and act as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5*

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Nice work, my friends!"*
- ***Who shows you how to love others?***
- ***Jesus shows me how to love others!"***



Please keep the
heart stress balls
for next week.

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

JUNE 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 shows you how to love others?***
- ***Jesus shows me how to love others!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- ***“Think and act as Jesus did.” Philippians 2:5***

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Paul loved like Jesus and encouraged his friends with letters. What are some other ways we can encourage our friends and cheer for them? Let’s make a list, so when I say your name, tell me **one way you can encourage and cheer for someone.**

- *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 love others. Thank You that Jesus encourages and cheers for us! Please help us encourage one another by doing things like (read the list) so they can love others the way Jesus shows us how to love others. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*