

February Week 1

3-K

Sweet Treats

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Ice Cream Stack

SUPPLIES: Cone page, ice cream scoop stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a cone page and a set of stickers. Set out the crayons.**
 - *“Hey friends, come sit at the table and let’s make a craft to remember that Jesus loves me! Use your crayons to color the ice cream cone and your scoops of ice cream.”*

- ⇒ **Once the children are done coloring their cones, encourage them to stack the scoops of ice cream on their cone in order.**
 - *“Alright friends, now it’s time to build our ice cream cone! Our scoops have words on them. They say “Jesus loves me!” We’re going to stack them on the cone in order. We’re going to start on the bottom scoop, so everyone find the sticker that says ‘me!’ It looks like this. (Show sticker.) Let’s stick it right on top of our cone like this. (Demonstrate.) Great job!*
 - *“Now, let’s do our next scoop. This scoop says ‘loves.’ Everyone put your finger on the scoop that looks like this. (Show sticker.) Let’s put this scoop on top of the first scoop just like this. (Demonstrate.) We’re almost done!*
 - *“The last scoop says ‘Jesus’ and it has a cherry on top! Let’s put that sticker on top of our other two scoops. (Demonstrate.) Great job! Now our ice cream cones says ‘Jesus loves me!’”*

- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“In today’s true story from the Bible, we learned that Jesus and His friends, the disciples, traveled to a lot of places because Jesus loved people and wanted to tell everyone that God loves them and that God wants them to love others. One day Jesus was teaching, some grown-ups brought their children to be near Jesus and hear Jesus teach. The disciples told the grown-ups to stop that children weren’t who Jesus needed to be spending time with. But, when Jesus saw what His friends were doing, He became angry! Jesus told them: ‘Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. (Mark 10:14 NLT)*
 - *“Jesus wanted the children to come to Him. Jesus placed His hands on the children’s heads and blessed them. Jesus made sure the children knew He loved them. And Jesus wants you to know that He loves you too! Jesus loves everyone ... which means Jesus loves you!*
 - **“Who loves you?”**
 - **“Jesus loves me!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Stop & Go to Jesus

SUPPLIES: Jesus picture, stop sign/heart page on a craft stick, wall tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Tape the picture of Jesus up on the wall and have the children line up against the opposite wall.**
- *“In our Bible Story, the disciples told the children to stop and not go to Jesus. But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me!’ Line up against this wall. Today we’re going to play a game to remember that Jesus always wants us to come to Him!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to walk toward Jesus when the sign shows the heart and stop when the sign says to stop. Once all children reach Jesus, send them back to the wall and start again.**
- *“Everybody look. There is a picture of Jesus on this wall. I have a sign with a stop sign on one side and a heart on the other (Hold up the sign as you explain.) Hearts remind us of love so the heart reminds us that Jesus said ‘Let the little children come to me!’*
 - *“In our game, I will hold up my sign and when I show the heart, you can walk toward Jesus, but when I turn it to stop, you have to stop. Ready? (Play until all the children reach Jesus.)*
 - *“Jesus wanted the children to come to him because he loves them. Jesus loves everyone! Let’s play again, go back to the other wall. (Repeat as time and interest allow.)”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
- *Grown-ups brought their children to be near Jesus, to hear Him teach but the disciples said to stop! But Jesus loves all the children and wants them near, so Jesus called the children to Him because He loves them. Jesus loves you, and **Jesus loves me!***
 - **Who loves you?**
 - **Jesus loves me!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Find the Love

SUPPLIES: Heart Stress Balls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Look at all these hearts I have! Hearts remind us of love. These hearts will help us remember that Jesus loves us. Close your eyes while I hide the hearts around the room.”*

⇒ **Scatter the hearts around the room.**

- *“Let’s see if we can find all the hearts! Bring them back to me!”*

⇒ **Have children collect all the hearts.**

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the hearts.*
- ***Who loves you?***
- ***Jesus loves me!”***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Jesus loves you so much and we can find the love of Jesus everywhere!*
- ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me!***

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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. ‘Jesus said (tap finger to middle of each palm) “Let the children (point to children) come to me,”” (move hands toward self) Matthew 19:14.” (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 loves you?***
 - ***Jesus loves me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY FEBRUARY WEEK 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Jesus Storybook Bible p 256 “The Friend of Little Children”*

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who loves you?***
- ***Jesus loves me!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” Matthew 19:14**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Jesus loved the children, so let’s make a list of children that Jesus loves – you guys! I’m going to make a list of **all of your names** because Jesus loves each one of you!

- *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 Jesus, and how He loves [child’s name], and [child’s name] and... (say this with each child’s name). We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*