

May Week 5

3-K

Hat's Off

May 30-31

# CRAFT WEEK 5

*You, and You, and You*

**SUPPLIES:** Heart cutouts, smiley face stickers, smiley face stampers, crayons

## What You DO and SAY:

- **Give each child a heart cutout and set out the crayons.**
  - *“Look at your paper! Wow! It’s a heart! Hearts make us think of love. We’re going to decorate these hearts today and turn them into something special!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to color the outside of the hearts. Then give each child some smiley face stickers and the smiley face stampers. Encourage the children to fill the inside of the heart with smiley faces.**
  - *“Use the crayons/markers to decorate the outside of your hearts. (Pause.) Wonderful! Now open your heart and fill it with these people/smiley face stickers. (Pause.) Wow! You added lots and lots and lots of people to your heart. Jesus loves all kinds of people because **Jesus cares about everyone!**”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Today in our Bible Story, we learned about a tax collector named Matthew. Most people stayed away from tax collectors. But not Jesus! Jesus loves and cares about everyone. Jesus went right up to Matthew and said, ‘Follow Me!’ And Matthew did! Then he had a big dinner with Jesus and invited all his friends. Some people thought Jesus shouldn’t be with those people, but Jesus heard them and said that He came because He wants everyone to follow Him! Jesus never stops caring. Look at all the people in your heart. Jesus cares about every single one of them. And He cares about YOU!*
  - **Who does Jesus care about?**
  - **Jesus cares about everyone!”**

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Order of the Story*

**SUPPLIES:** Story Images

### What You DO and SAY:

- **Gather the children on the floor. Spread the pictures out in front of you.**
  - *"Friends, come sit with me and help me put these story pictures in the order they happen in the story."*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to help you put the pictures in the correct order.**
  - *"One day, Jesus went to a booth where a man named Matthew was collecting taxes. Do you see that picture? (Great job!) No one liked tax collectors! They took money from people for the rulers who were in charge. And then they took extra money to pay themselves. Some tax collectors took too much money, and it was unfair!"*
  - *"Most people stayed away from tax collectors. But not Jesus! Jesus loves and cares for everyone. Jesus went right up to Matthew's booth and said: 'Follow me,' (Mark 2:14). Wow! Jesus wasn't only being kind to Matthew. Jesus asked Matthew to come with Him and be a close friend! Do you see that picture? (Great job!)"*
  - *"Matthew got up right away and left his tax booth behind. He went home and prepared a festive meal for Jesus. Matthew was so excited that he even invited other tax collectors and friends so they could meet Jesus too! Do you see that picture? (Great job!)"*
  - *"Jesus and the disciples sat down to eat with Matthew and all of Matthew's friends. It was a big party, and all of Matthew's friends got to spend time with Jesus. Do you see that picture? (Great job!)"*
  - *"Jesus said that He came because He wants everyone to follow Him! Jesus loved Matthew and his friends, even though they had done wrong things. Jesus loves us too, no matter what. He will never stop caring for us! Do you see the picture of the heart? (Great job!)"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *"Jesus cared about Matthew and all his friends because Jesus loves and cares about everyone."*
  - **Who does Jesus care about?**
  - **Jesus cares about everyone!"**

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Everyone, Everywhere*

**SUPPLIES:** Location cards, wall tape

#### What You DO and SAY:

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

- *"Friends! Meet me in the middle of the room. (Pause.) There are different pictures around the room, do you see them? (Point to the four pictures.) Let's play a game with those pictures."*

⇒ **Encourage children to move to each picture and review our question at each picture. Then, let children choose their pictures and review the bottom line.**

- *"Do you see the picture of the playground? (Point to the playground picture.) When I say go, I want you to walk to the picture. Ready, set, GO! (Pause.) Hooray! You made it! Tell me friends, who cares about everyone at the playground? (Pause.) That's right **Jesus cares about everyone** at the playground! **Who does Jesus care about? Jesus cares about everyone.** Great job! Come back to the middle with me. (Pause.) Now look for the picture of grocery store. You can walk to it when I say go. Ready, set, GO! (Pause.) Hooray! You made it! Tell me friends, who cares about everyone at the grocery store? (Pause.) That's right **Jesus cares about everyone** at the grocery store! **Who does Jesus care about? Jesus cares about everyone.** (Continue with each picture and repeat. Then allow children to walk to whichever picture they want and say the Bottom Line.) Great job, friends! Come back to the middle and sit with me."*

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

- *All the places we ran to today; the playground, the grocery store, the doctor's office, the school, even when we ran right back here, to the middle, Jesus cares about everyone everywhere we went! Jesus' love is wide, and long, and high, and deep enough for everyone because **Jesus cares about everyone!***
- **Who does Jesus care about? Jesus cares about everyone!**

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

**MAY WEEK 5**

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**

- *Pray to God – Keep all month*

## **ASK A QUESTION**

Who does Jesus care about?

Jesus cares about everyone!

## **PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

“How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”

Ephesians 3:18

## **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.