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CRAFT WEEK 1

Move Jesus

SUPPLIES: Story Page, Jesus cutout, yarn, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and a Jesus cutout. Set out the crayons.**
 - *“Hello friends! I have some fun story art for us to make today! Look at this big picture. It’s kind of like a map; it has lots of towns and villages and people on it. And look! You have a picture of Jesus too!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color their story page and Jesus cutout. Thread one end of the yarn in the hole on each child’s paper and knot. Thread the other end of the yarn through the hole on their Jesus cutout and knot.**
 - *“Color your picture of the towns and countryside. (Pause.) Great! Color your picture of Jesus too. (Pause.) Now let’s attach Jesus to your paper.”*
- ⇒ **Show Children how to move Jesus around to each part of their paper**
 - *“Jesus traveled all around. Move your picture of Jesus. He didn’t just stay in one place. People brought their sick friends and family to Him— wherever He was! Jesus healed people in villages and towns. Everyone who touched His robe in one town was made well!”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“You helped Jesus go all around, just like in our story. Jesus helped people He met, no matter where He was, because **Jesus cares about everyone!***
 - **“Who does Jesus care about?**
 - **“Jesus cares about everyone!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Jesus Everywhere

SUPPLIES: Jesus picture, images of places, wall tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Tape the images of places around the room. Gather the children and show them the picture of Jesus.**
- *"We're going to take Jesus (hold up the picture of Jesus) to different places today! Let's see where Jesus can go."*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to carry Jesus around as you walk to each picture on the walls. Emphasize for the children that Jesus cares about everyone, everywhere!**
- *"In our Bible Story today, Jesus went all around to different places; towns, villages, and homes. Everywhere Jesus went, people came to see Him and asked Him for help. Jesus helped people because **Jesus cares about everyone!** Let's walk over to the house and take Jesus with us. (Pause.) Hooray! We made it! What do you do at your house? (Pause for responses.) Yes! We eat and sleep and play at our house. Jesus cares about everyone at your house. Let's walk to the picture of the playground. (Pause.) We're here! What do you like to do at the playground? (Pause for responses.) Yes! We can have so much fun at the playground, and Jesus cares about everyone at the playground because **Jesus cares about everyone.** Okay! Let's walk with Jesus one more place, the grocery store! (Pause.) There are always so many interesting people at the grocery store—the lady at the bakery who always gives a free cookie, and the man who puts all the yummy fruit and veggies. And the nice people at the checkout who sometimes give us stickers. Jesus cares about everyone at the grocery store because **Jesus cares about everyone.***
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
- *"You did a great job helping Jesus visit all these places! The Bible shows us, Jesus helped people everywhere He went. Jesus always stopped to help people because **Jesus cares about everyone!**"*
 - **Who does Jesus care about?**
 - **Jesus cares about everyone!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Guess Who?

SUPPLIES: Guess Who cards, hat

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle.**

- *“Come sit in a circle with me on the floor. I have a fun guessing game for us to play. Put your thinking hats on! (Pretend to put on a hat.) It looks like we’re ready!”*

⇒ **Invite each child to take a turn drawing a card out of the hat and acting out the helper on the card. Invite the other children to guess the helper. Review the question after each turn.**

- *“When I call your name, come look at a card in the hat, and then without using your words, I want you to act like the person on the card. Ready? [Child’s name], come find a card in the hat. (Pause.) Are you ready to act it out? Friend, are you ready to watch [child’s name] and guess what he/she acts out? (Pause for responses.) Hooray! Let’s go! (Help child with ways to act it out as needed.) Great guessing, friends. [Child’s name], show everyone the person you acted out and tell them who it was. (Pause.) Fantastic! Now tell me, **who does Jesus care about? Jesus cares about everyone!**”*
- *Next, let’s have [child’s name] come up and take a turn. (Continue with each card and repeat until each child has a turn, review the question every round.) That was so much fun playing together today!”*

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

- *“Jesus loves and cares about everyone, everywhere. That means Jesus cares about us, right here. And Jesus cares about the people who live in the next town, and Jesus cares about the people that live all the way across the world from us 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 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

- *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.