

**July Weeks 1 & 2**

**LOVE**

*July 6/7, 13/14*

**CRAFT Week 1**

*Memory Verse Frame*

**SUPPLIES:** Memory Verse page, markers, heart stickers

## **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Pass out memory verse pages and markers.**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned an amazing new memory verse. This verse comes from the book in the Bible called Philippians. Do you remember what it was? I will say it and you can repeat after me.*
- *I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13*
- *Great job everyone! Now I want you to power up your memory verse page by decorating it with so many beautiful colors!*

⇒ **Pass out 4 stickers per child.**

- *“I have some special stickers for you. They are hearts to remind you that God loves you so much that he sent his son Jesus to be your friend forever! And when Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to do everything!*

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Your signs look beautiful! Nice work! Now let’s all say our new memory verse together one more time!*
- *I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13*

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# **CRAFT Week 2**

## *Heart Puzzle*

**SUPPLIES:** Heart outline page, heart puzzle pieces, crayons or markers, glue sticks

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Begin by passing out the two puzzle pieces and crayons or markers.**

- *“In our Bible story today, we heard that God loved us SO much (hold up the puzzle piece with Jesus on it) that He sent Jesus to be our friend forever! And when Jesus lived on the earth, He showed us all how to LOVE others. (Hold up the puzzle piece with people on it.) Jesus loves EVERYONE! And when Jesus is your friend, you can love others the way He does.*
- *“Let’s start by coloring our puzzle pieces.”*

⇒ **Pass out the Heart outline page and glue sticks.**

- *“Now it’s time to put the pieces together. Can you glue your two puzzle pieces together on the heart?”*
- *Jesus lives inside our heart and he gives us the power to love everyone!*

⇒ **Complete activity by gluing Jesus in place and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Great job everybody! I love your heart puzzles. You can take these home as a reminder that Jesus loves everyone. When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to love. Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything.”*

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Heart Look and Find*

**SUPPLIES:** “Heart” stress balls

**SET UP:** No prior set up needed.

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter or hide the hearts around the room. Hold one heart up.**

- *“Boys and Girls, what do I have here in my hands? That’s right! A heart. Did you know that God knew he was going to make you before he even created the world? He loves you that much! Let’s see if we can find all of the hearts as quickly as we can!”*

⇒ **Have children collect all of the stress balls.**

- *“Great work everybody! Jesus gives us the power to do everything – especially to love others! Let’s practice that important question again –*
- ***Who gives you the power to do everything?***
- ***Jesus gives me the power to do everything!***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *That’s right, my friends! God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to be his best friend forever. And because of that, we can love EVERYONE!*
- ***Who gives you the power to do everything?***
- ***Jesus gives me the power to do everything!***

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Heart Steppin'*

**SUPPLIES:** Floor Tape

**SET UP:** Make a large tape heart outline on the floor in your activity area. Make the heart large enough for everyone in the class to step inside at the same time.

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children to stand around the outline of the heart.**
  - *Today we're learning that Jesus loves us very much and that He will give us the power to love others. Jesus loves everyone! Do you see the heart here on the floor? (Point.) I want us all—everyone—to step into the heart together and say,*
  - **Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**
  
- ⇒ **Invite children to practice the memory verse with you.**
  - *Now that we are all powered up, let's practice our new memory verse together!*
  - *I can do (both thumbs to chest) everything (spread arms wide) by the power (make arm muscles) of Christ (point both hands up), Philippians 4:13." (Open hands like a book.)*
  
- ⇒ **Vary the activity jumping in, tiptoeing in, running in, etc. to power up!**
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *That was super fun. Everyone stepped into the heart together to remind us that Jesus loves everyone. And HIS power gives us the power to love others, too.*
  - *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything."*

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## **ACTIVITY #3**

### *Heart Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, heart stress balls

**SET UP:** no prior set up needed

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**

- *“Let’s play a game to power up! Today we learned that Jesus gives us the power to do everything! We also learned that when Jesus is our friend, he can help us to love everyone!”*

⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**

- *“So, let’s power up with the love of Jesus! Everybody help me power these hearts up into the air!”*

⇒ **When the hearts have all popped out of the parachute...**

- *“Who gives you the power to do everything?”*
- *“Jesus gives me the power to do everything!”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested.**

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Awesome job, everyone! I am so glad that Jesus is our friend and that he gives us the power to love others!*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything!*

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# REFLECTION & REVIEW

## READ

*If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart*

- Read the story and then say: Isn't it amazing that Jesus DOES live inside our hearts? Because he lives inside our heart, he gives us the power to do everything – like love others!

**REVIEW** *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who gives you the power to do everything?**
- **Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13.**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **“Today we learned that Jesus can help us to love others. We are going to make a list of people we want to love like Jesus loves us. It can be anybody! When we pray, we can thank God for sending Jesus to give us the power to LOVE others. I’m going to give you a heart sticker when you answer to remind you that Jesus gives us the power to LOVE people like He loves us.**

## PRAY

*Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to LOVE others. Thank You that Jesus died and came back, just like He promised, and He gives us the power to LOVE people like He loves people. I pray (name each child) will follow Jesus so they can have the power to LOVE (read the list the children made) the way Jesus loves them. Thank You for Jesus, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*