

ALL ABOARD

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CRAFT Week 1

Memory Verse Door Hanger

SUPPLIES: Foam Door Hanger, Memory Verse label, Heart Foam Shape stickers, Dixie cups

TIP: You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups and placing 10 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and keep the cups for the next class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Review Memory Verse

- *“We learned a new memory verse today from the book of John. Let’s practice it together!*
- *Love each other (give yourself a big hug) as I (point up with both fingers) have loved you (bring fingers down and point all over at all the kids), John 15:12 (open hands like a book).*
- *Great job, friends!*

⇒ Pass out Door hangers and memory verse labels.

- *This label says our memory verse – Love each other as I have loved you John 15:12”. Let’s put it on our door hanger.*

⇒ Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.

- *Now let’s decorate our door hangers with heart stickers!*

⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus

- *These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse door hangers on your bedroom door and look at them every day. Every time you look at it I want you to remember that Jesus loves everyone and we can love everyone, too!*
- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves everyone!***

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CRAFT Week 2

All Aboard with Jesus Hat

SUPPLIES: All Aboard with Jesus conductor hat, scotch tape, markers or crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out conductor hat and markers/crayons**

- *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we learned about a woman from another town who met Jesus. People from her town usually weren’t friends with people from Jesus’ town. Isn’t that silly?”*
- *Well that didn’t stop Jesus from being her friend! Jesus loved her! Jesus loves everyone!*
- *If we were riding a train and Jesus was the conductor, he would invite everyone to hop aboard his train!*
- *Today we are making train conductor hats. Let me see how you decorate yours!*

⇒ **As children are finishing, help them secure the hat in place with a piece of tape.**

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

- *Nice work everybody! You look amazing in your conductor hats! When Jesus says “All Aboard!” everybody can ride the train! Jesus loves me and he loves you. Jesus loves EVERYONE!*

Kids can wear their hats or put them in their bag. If you are doing Activity 3, you may choose to let them all wear their hats!

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ACTIVITY #1

Heart Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Heart-shaped Stress Balls

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“In our true Bible story today, we heard about how Jesus loves EVERYONE! He loves people no matter what they look like or what they’ve done or where they live or who they are friends with. Jesus loves everyone. When Jesus loves us that way we can love other people, too!”*

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

- *“Let’s spread our love around! Can we pick up all the hearts?”*

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

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the hearts*
- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves EVERYONE!***

⇒ **4/5 Year Old Optional Variations**

- Have children come back with the hearts in different ways: hopping on one foot, with the bow on their head, jumping like a bunny, etc.

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

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Jesus loves me and he loves you. Jesus loves EVERYONE!*
- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves EVERYONE!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Heart stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle.**

- *“Friends, we have a new 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.”*
 - *“Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12”*
- *Now lets 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*
 - *Etc....*

⇒ **In older classes, consider letting the kids take turns choosing how to do it! (Robot, mouse, giant, etc.)**

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out heart stickers.**

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

- *Nice work, my friends! What an amazing true memory verse from the Bible. We can love others because Jesus loves us!*
- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves everyone!***

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ACTIVITY #3

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SUPPLIES: Train tickets, Train Station Posters (4 per room), blue wall tape

SET-UP: Hang the “stations” up on the wall in spots around the room.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you and pass out train tickets to each child.**

- *“Everybody get ready to ride the story train! Everybody get your ticket! Does everybody have a ticket? Come get a ticket to ride the story train!*
- *Now here is the important part I want you to remember. **Every time I ask you “Who does Jesus love?” I want you to hold up your ticket and shout “JESUS LOVES EVERYONE!”** Can we try that?*
- *Good work. Now, do you see the train stations around the room? The train is going to stop at every station. Go pick a station to wait at for the train!*

⇒ **Help divide children into stations. Then start walking towards the first station.**

- *“Chugga-chugga choo choo! The Jesus story train is coming into station 1! Woo woo! Chugga-chugga-choo-choo!! Get your tickets ready! All aboard! Who has a ticket to ride this train? Show me your tickets please!*
- *It doesn’t matter where you live. It doesn’t matter what you look like. It doesn’t matter what you wear or what language you speak. Everybody can ride this train because Jesus loves everyone.*
- *Who does Jesus love? JESUS LOVES EVERYONE!*
- *Let’s head to the next station!*

⇒ **Repeat at each station.**

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

- *“Thank you for riding the train with me! You can keep your train ticket to help you remember that Jesus loves everyone!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!**

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

- ⇒ *How Much Does God Love You* by Michelle Medlock Adams
- Read the story and then say: God loves us so much. He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. And Jesus loves EVERYONE!

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
- **Who does Jesus Love?**
 - **Jesus Loves EVERYONE!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
- **Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12**
- ⇒ Basic Truth
- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**
- ⇒ Connect it!
- **“Today we learned that Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where they live. Today we are going to make a list of places. It can be anywhere in the whole wide world! It can be a place you’ve been to or a place you’ve heard about or a place you hope to go to one day. It can be anywhere! So, when I say your name, tell me the name of a place—any place!**
- ⇒ PlayDoh
- *“Can you make people with your playdoh? Let’s make a lot of different people! Jesus loves them all!”*

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone. No matter where we live or what we look like, Jesus loves us. We can live in (read the list the children made) and Jesus loves us. That is awesome! Help us to love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”