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CRAFT Week 1

Jesus Valentine

SUPPLIES: Jesus Valentine Card, markers/crayons, heart stickers, dixie cups

TIP: Pre-fold the cards so that they are ready to decorate.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out (pre-folded) Valentine cards and coloring supplies.**
 - *“Does anyone know what Holiday it was this week? It was Valentine’s Day! Valentine’s Day is all about love!*
 - *DO you know anyone who loves everyone??*
 - *It’s Jesus! Today in our true Bible story we learned about how Jesus loved a man named Zacchaeus. But he didn’t just love Zacchaeus! He loves everyone!*
 - *Can you think of someone that Jesus loves? We are making Valentines for our friends or family to tell them that Jesus loves them.*
 - *We are going to come around and help you write the name of someone to give the card to and write your name at the bottom!”*

- ⇒ **Put crayons/markers on the table for all to reach.**
 - *Let’s color the train on the front of the card first.*

- ⇒ **Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.**
 - *Now let’s decorate our Valentines with heart stickers!*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *Your valentines look great! When you give it to your friend or family you can tell them that Jesus loves them!*
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!***

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CRAFT Week 2

Jesus Loves Everyone Train

SUPPLIES: Jesus Loves Everyone Train, kid stickers (5 per child), markers/crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Train page and coloring supplies**

- *“Friends – All month long we have been learning that Jesus loves everyone! Jesus loves us no matter what we look like. He loves us no matter where we come from. He loves us no matter what we do or what we have done. Jesus loves EVERYONE!*
- *Today we are going to be coloring a train and putting people on it! When it’s Jesus’ train he says all aboard to everyone! Let’s color our trains now!*

⇒ **While kids are coloring, this would be a great time to read the Bible story from the Beginner’s Bible – p. 413 OR “I Know Jesus Loves Me” book.**

- *Let’s read our Bible story about one man that Jesus loved no matter what! OR Let’s read this story about how much Jesus loves us!*

⇒ **Pass out 5 different kid stickers per child.**

- *“Look at all these people! Jesus loves every single one of them. Can you put them in the train? All Aboard everybody!*

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

- *Nice work everybody! Jesus loves all of these kids! He loves me. He loves you!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!**

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ACTIVITY #1

Heart Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Heart-shaped Stress Balls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**

- *“Today we learned that Jesus loves everyone! He loves me. He loves you. He loves everyone! Jesus loves us no matter what we look like, no matter where we are from, and no matter what we’ve done!”*

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

- *“Look at all these hearts! Guess what? Jesus loves us even more than all of these hearts! That’s a lot of love!”*

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

- *“Let’s shake our arms and pop these hearts in the air. Let’s fill this room up with Jesus’ love!”*

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

- *“Let’s pick up all the hearts and toss them back in!”*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!**

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

- *Awesome job, everyone! I loved seeing those hearts filling up the room. It reminds me of how much Jesus loves us! And when Jesus loves us, we can show his love to others, too!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!**

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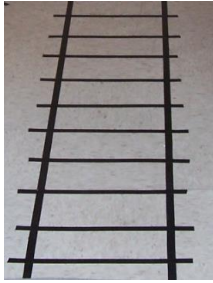
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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Train

SUPPLIES: Black Floor Tape

SET-UP: Create train tracks on the floor for children to walk along.
Do this BEFORE you leave for Large Group.



NOTE: After the first service, leave train tracks in place for the rest of the weekend!

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children in the open area of the room.**
 - *“Hey, friends! Come over here with me. Does anyone remember our memory verse and motions from last week? Let’s say 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 the room at all the kids), John 15:12. (Open your hands like a book.)”*

- ⇒ **Have children line up at the beginning of the tracks.**
 - *“Great job! Check out these awesome train tracks. Let’s pretend to be a train as we walk along the tracks. When you walk, let’s say our memory verse together. You can do the motions, too!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. Be a fast train, a slow train, a backwards train, etc.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *Great job, steam engines! Jesus loves everyone and he tells us we can love everyone, too!*
 - *Tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.** Yes, it’s true! Jesus loves everyone!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Pin the Heart on the World

SUPPLIES: Paper World Map, heart stickers (1 per child), blue wall tape

SET UP: Hang the world map at children's eye level using blue wall tape.

NOTE: After the first service, leave it in place for the rest of the weekend!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Guide children to stand around the map.**

- *"This is a map of the world. We live right here. (Point to the place where you live on the map.) Did you know that Jesus loves EVERYONE in this whole world? That's a lot of people! People live all over this map and Jesus loves them all!*
- *When I call your name, I want you to come stand by me and close your eyes. I will spin you around three times and then make sure you're standing right in front of the map. I'll give you a sticker to place on the map while your eyes are closed. Okay, here we go!"*

⇒ **Have the first child place their heart.**

- *"Open your eyes and find your heart! It's right here in [place name]. Tell me, does Jesus love people in [place name]? Yes!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!"**

⇒ **Let each child take a turn and follow each turn answering the bottom line question.**

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

- *"Nice work everybody! Look at all of those hearts!!!"*
- *If you could put a heart sticker on every single spot on this map where people live, would Jesus love the people in that place? YES! Because Jesus loves everyone!*
- *And does he love us no matter what we do? YES! And no matter what we look like? YES*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!**

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: A Short Man, p. 413-417*

⇒ *I Know Jesus Loves Me* by P.K. Hallinan

- Read the story and then say: Jesus loves us so much. Jesus is always there with us. Jesus wants to be our friend forever!

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 heard a story about Zacchaeus. Jesus loved Zacchaeus! We are going to make a list of people that we know that Jesus loves. When I call your name I want you to tell me one person you know that Jesus loves. Then we will say a prayer and thank God for loving everyone, no matter what!**

⇒ PlayDoh

- *“Can you make a heart with your play doh? Jesus loves everyone!*

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone. Thank You that He loves (read the list the children made). Help us to always love everyone like Jesus does. You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”