

Feb Week 1

Big Sandbox

Feb 7

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:

⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Give each child a pump of **HAND SANITIZER.****

- *“Today we learned a brand new memory verse. “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*
- *Can we try it all together? “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*
- *Great job, friends!*

⇒ **Pass out Door hangers and memory verse labels.**

- *This label says our memory verse – “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17. 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 wants to be our friend forever and we can love our friends, too!*
- **Who loves you?**
- **Jesus loves me!**

Feb Week 2

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Feb 14

CRAFT Week 2

Jesus Loves Me Valentine

SUPPLIES: Heart cut out, Red cardstock, glue stick, crayons, heart stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat and give them a pump of **HAND SANITIZER.****

- *“All month long we are learning about how much Jesus loves us! He wants to be our friend forever! This weekend is Valentine’s Day so we are going to make a Jesus Valentine!”*

⇒ **Pass out a heart cut out to each child. Pass out crayons.**

- *“Who is this here? That’s right! It’s Jesus! It says, ‘Jesus loves me!’ I want you to always remember how much Jesus loves you!”*
- *Let’s decorate our Valentines!*

⇒ **Pass out pink/red cardstock and glue sticks.**

- *“Now, let’s glue our heart onto this pretty paper.”*
- *Great job friends!*

⇒ **Spread stickers out on the table for children to choose from (about 5 per child).**

- *“These look beautiful! Now let’s add hearts to help us remember how much Jesus loves us!”*

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

- *“These look amazing! Bring this home and hang it up in a special place so you always remember how much Jesus loves you!”*
- *Jesus is such a good friend. He wants to be your friend forever!*
- *Who loves you? Jesus loves me!*

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ACTIVITY #1

“Come to Me”

SUPPLIES: White floor tape

SET-UP: Place a long piece of floor tape on the floor on one side of the room for the children to stand spaced out on.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children stand spaced out on the floor tape line.**
- *“Friends, let’s gather over here on the line and spread out. Everyone put their arms out to the side like this (demonstrate) to make sure there is space around us!*
 - *We are going to do something fun and kind of silly. I will call out an animal or a funny movement. I want you to move like I say. Keep moving until I say, ‘Come to me,’ then come over to me! Remember - Jesus said ‘let the little children come to me.’ That is what you are going to do! Are you ready to try it?”*
- ⇒ **Call out a command. After a few seconds, say “Come to me!”**
- *Okay friends, march in place like an ant! (Let them march for several seconds.) Come to me!*
 - *Great job, friends. Head back to your spots, and let’s do it again. This time...*
 - Run in in place like a cheetah
 - Hop in place like a kangaroo
 - Swim like a fish
 - Waddle like a penguin
 - Star jump like a starfish
 - Chomp like an alligator
 - Move SLLLOOOOWWWWLLLYYY like a turtle
 - Any others you come up with 😊
- ⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
- *“Wow! That was so much fun! Jesus wants the little children to come to him! We can always remember that. Jesus loves you so much, friends!*
 - ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Award Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an AMAZING 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. “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*
 - *Now let’s 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*

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends! Jesus loves you so much and he wants to be your friend forever!”*
 - ***Who loves you?***
 - ***Jesus loves me!***

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ACTIVITY #3

All the Time Activity Cards

SUPPLIES: Activity Cards, CD player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children sit in a spaced out circle in the center of the room.**
 - *"We learned in our Bible story today that...."*
 - (Week 1) *Jesus loves little children! He loves us no matter what we are doing and he loves spending time with us!*
 - (Week 2) *We can spend time with Jesus in many different ways!*

- ⇒ **Draw one card at a time.**
 - *Let's spend time with Jesus! I have cards that will show us how we can spend time with Jesus.*
 - HEART CARD: *I see a heart! We can spend time with Jesus by telling Him that we love Him! Let's tell Him together! I LOVE YOU JESUS!*
 - DANCING: *This card has children dancing on it. Turn on the CD player. We can praise Jesus and dance to spend time with Him! Let's have a dance party and praise Jesus! (Dance to the song.) Spending time with Jesus is so much fun!*
 - SINGING: *This card has children singing. We can sing our praises to Jesus and spend time with Him. Let's sing 'Jesus loves me.' (Sing the song with the children.)*
 - WALKING OUTSIDE: *We can spend time with Jesus by walking outside and looking at all of the wonderful things He has made. Let's pretend to walk outside. (Walk around the room.) What can we see?*
 - PRAYING HANDS: *We can spend time with Jesus by talking to Him. Let's pray together! (Kneel and fold hands.) Dear Jesus, we love You. Thank You for being our friend. Amen."*
 - BIBLE: *We can spend time with Jesus by reading the Bible. Let's pretend to open our Bible and say our memory verse! 'A friend loves at all times.' Proverbs 17:17*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *"Friends, it can be wonderful to spend time with Jesus. There are so many ways! Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us.*
 - *Tell me, **who loves you? Jesus loves me!"***

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Feb 7

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

February 7th

SUPPLIES: Butcher paper for each table, crayons, book, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**. Lay down long strips of butcher paper on the table and pass out crayons.
 - *“All month long we are learning about how much Jesus loves us! He loves everyone! Can you draw some pictures of people Jesus loves? Let’s see your family and your friends – Jesus loves them so much!”*
- ⇒ Read *The Beginner’s Bible*, p. 409, “Jesus and the Children”.

REVIEW

- ⇒ Review the following with the kids. Go over them as a group and/or ask each child individually
 - Key Question and Bottom Line: *Who loves you? Jesus loves me!!*
 - Memory Verse: *“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*

REFLECT

- Reflect on the lesson and ask each child to answer the question. Write their name and answers on the butcher paper or the board.
 - *“Today in our story we learned that Jesus loves ALL children, and He wants to be their friend forever. Let’s make a list of our friends. When we pray, we can ask God to help us tell our friends that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever, too. When I say your name, tell me your friend’s name, and I will write it down.”*

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone. Thank You that Jesus didn’t just come to be a friend to grown-ups. He came to be a friend to children, too! Jesus wants to be (name each child)’s friend forever, and He wants to be (read the list the children made)’s friend forever, too. Jesus wants ALL children to be His friend forever! Please help us tell all of our friends that Jesus loves them and that He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Feb Week 2

Big Sandbox

Feb 14

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

February 14th

SUPPLIES: Butcher paper for each table, crayons, book, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of HAND SANITIZER.** Lay down long strips of butcher paper on the table and pass out crayons.
- *“All month long we are learning about how much Jesus loves us! He loves everyone! Can you draw some pictures of people Jesus loves? Let’s see your family and your friends – Jesus loves them so much!*

READ *The Beginner’s Bible*, p . 385, “Mary and Martha”.

REVIEW

- ⇒ **Review the following with the kids. Go over them as a group and/or ask each child individually**
- Key Question and Bottom Line: *Who loves you? Jesus loves me!!*
 - Memory Verse: *“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*

REFLECT

- **Reflect on the lesson and ask each child to answer the question. Write their name and answers on the butcher paper or on the board.**
 - *“Mary spent time with Jesus in her house. I like to spend time with Jesus outside. We can spend time with Jesus anywhere, because He always wants to spend time with us. Let’s make a list of our favorite places to spend time with Jesus. It can be your bedroom, your yard, a park, your car . . . ANYWHERE!*
 - *When I say your name, tell me your favorite place to spend time with Jesus, and I will write it down.*

PRAY

“Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere, like . . . (read the list the children made). I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”