

March Week 1

Start Your Engines

March 6-8

CRAFT Week 1

Racetrack Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Racetrack page, crayons, toy car, heart stickers (6 per child)

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. ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’ John 15:12*
- *Can we try it all together? ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’ John 15:12*
- *Great job, friends!*

⇒ **Pass out Racetrack page, heart stickers and crayons**

- *“Friends do you know what this is? It’s a racetrack! And right about it says our memory verse – ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’ John 15:12*
- *We learned today that when Jesus says GO and show my love to everyone, we need to start our engines and go! Let’s decorate our racetracks so we are ready! You can place a heart sticker over each heart on the page, and color it with crayons, too.*

⇒ **When children are done coloring, hand each one a toy car.**

- *“Now let’s have some fun with our racetracks! Do you see the hearts on the racetrack? Well we are going to drive our cars along the racetrack and every time we get to a heart we are going to say part of our memory verse.*
- *Demonstrate – ‘Love – each other – as I – have loved – you – John 15:12.’ Let’s try it together!*

⇒ **Repeat a few times with the car and let them try it on their own a couple times, then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Nice job, friends! Now you can practice your memory verse at home, too! You can show everyone in your family!*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!”***

March Week 2

Start Your Engines

March 13-15

CRAFT Week 2

Washing Feet

SUPPLIES: Feet page, crayons, sheet protectors, dry erase markers, pieces of paper towel

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat and give them a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**. Hold up the feet page.**
 - *“Can anyone tell me what you see on this page? That’s right! Feet! Jesus showed love to his friends. He washed his friend’s feet. He was a great friend.”*

- ⇒ **Pass out crayons.**
 - *“Now let’s trace the feet. You can color in the words on the page, too. It says, ‘I can love like Jesus.’ Nice job!”*

- ⇒ **Pass out sheet protectors and help children insert their page into the sheet protector. Give each child a dry erase marker.**
 - *“Now we are going to make those feet so dirty! When Jesus and his friends walked around in sandals, they had stinky, yucky feet! Let’s mess them up!”*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate making muddy feet. Give children a moment to do the same.**
 - *“Would you want to wash someone’s stinky, dirty feet? I sure wouldn’t! But that’s who Jesus was! He showed his love to everyone! He was a good friend!”*

- ⇒ **Show the children the paper towel.**
 - *“Now it is time to clean up these feet! Can you wash your feet clean?”*

- ⇒ **Repeat the activity as many times as they are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Wow! Jesus is such a good friend! He loved his friends so much that he washed their yucky feet. And he loves you that much, too!”*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!***

**Children can take the page AND page protector home!*

March Week 3

Start Your Engines

March 20-22

CRAFT Week 3

#1 Foam Finger

SUPPLIES: #1 Finger, craft sticks, tape, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Jesus taught us that the number one, most important thing to do is to love people. Jesus showed us how love to others.*
- *Let’s make a number one finger to show that you and I can do the number one most important thing and love like Jesus, too!”*

⇒ **Pass out #1 Finger and crayons.**

- *“Let’s decorate our # 1 Hand first! Nice job! These look great!”*

⇒ **Pass out craft sticks and help children tape it to the back of finger.**

- *“Now lets tape our hand to the craft stick so we can hold it high up in the air!”*

⇒ **Do a parade around the room with the #1 Fingers.**

- *These look awesome! Hold up your hand and get up and march with me. (Pause.) Shout, ‘I can love like Jesus!’ (Repeat.) Let’s march and shout some more.*

⇒ **Repeat the activity as many times as they are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *We know that the number one most important thing is to love like Jesus. Jesus loved others in many ways, and so can we. When we help our friends or share or say kind words, that’s loving like Jesus.*
- *Put your #1 fingers in the air and tell me **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!***

March Weeks 1, 2, 3

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March 6-8/13-15/20-22

ACTIVITY #1

Heart Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Heart stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Bring children to the center of the room, have them space out and sit down. Give each child a pump of HAND SANITIZER.**
 - *“Today in our TRUE Bible story we learned about how we can show the love of Jesus! We can shine Jesus’ light and be a good friend to others!”*

- ⇒ **Hide or scatter the hearts around the room.**
 - *“Look what I have here! Hearts! These hearts remind us of how much Jesus loves us and that we can show the love of Jesus to others!*
 - *I want everyone to close their eyes while we scatter these around the room. I am going to spread the love of Jesus all around!*
 - *Alright, friends. Are you ready? Let’s find them and bring them back!”*

- ⇒ **Have children bring the hearts back.**
 - *“You found all of them. Great job! I have an important question for you.*
 - ***Who can show the love of Jesus? I can show the love of Jesus!”***

- ⇒ **Play as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice job, friends! We can spread Jesus’ love all around and show the love of Jesus to everyone!*
 - ***Who can show the love of Jesus?***
 - ***I can show the love of Jesus!***

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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 awesome 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.**
 - *“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12*
 - *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.**
 - *“Our memory verse tells us that Jesus loves us and wants us to love others the same way that He loves us!*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
 - ***I can love like Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Red Light, Green Light

SUPPLIES: White Floor tape

SET-UP: Create one long tape line at one side of the room and one long tape line at the opposite side of the room.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children spread out on the tape line on one side of the room.**
 - *“Today in our Bible story we learned that we need to GO GO GO and show the love of Jesus to others! Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*
 - *We are going to play a fun game of Red Light, Green Light. First, I want everyone to spread out on the line on this side of the room.”*

- ⇒ **Explain the rules of the game.**
 - *“First, let’s all get our racer gear on. Put on your helmet. Buckle your seatbelt. Start your engines!”*
 - *Now, when I say **GREEN LIGHT** I want you to start walking quickly towards the finish line. If I say **RED LIGHT** you have to freeze! If I say **YELLOW LIGHT** you need to walk slowly.*
 - *Are you ready racers? **GREEN LIGHT!**”*

- ⇒ **When the racers arrive at the finish line say...**
 - *“Way to go racers! Do you remember our memory verse today? Let’s all say it together. ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’ John 15:12*
 - *Nice job! We can GO GO GO and love like Jesus! Racers, get in position! Let’s go! **GREEN LIGHT!**”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice racing, friends! We can GO GO GO and love like Jesus!”*
 - **Who can love like Jesus?**
 - **I can love like Jesus!”**

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ACTIVITY #4

Red, Red, Green

SUPPLIES: None needed

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a spaced-out circle in the center of the room.**

- *“Get ready to start your engines everybody! Come join me in a big circle and have a seat.”*

⇒ **Demonstrate how to play Duck, Duck Goose.**

- *“Have you ever played Duck, Duck, Goose? Well today we are going to play it as racers! Red light, Red light, Green light!*
- *One person is it. They walk around the room and give each friend a gentle tap on the shoulder and say “Red light, Red light, Red light....” until you say “Green light!” Then, it’s time for that person to chase you as you try to get all the way back to your spot.*
- *Once the race is over I will ask you an important question –*
- ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!***

⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Nice job, racers! Jesus showed us how to show love to others. And when he says GO! We need to start our engines and go out and show his love to others!*
- ***Tell me, who can show the love of Jesus?***
- ***I can show the love of Jesus!***

March Week 1

Start Your Engines

March 6-8

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

March 6th-8th

SUPPLIES: Playdoh, rollers, people cutters, Bible, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**. Distribute playdoh and tools.**
 - *“All month long we are learning about showing the love of Jesus. Can we make people with our play doh? Let’s create people who we can show the love of Jesus to! Who are you making?”*
- ⇒ **Read *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart*, by P.K. Hallinan.**

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 can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*
 - Memory Verse:
 - *“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12*

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.**
 - *“When we love like Jesus, we shine like a light. Everyone sees the love! That’s why we’re going to make a list of ways we can love like Jesus. Then, when we pray, we can ask God to help us love like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you can love like Jesus, and I will write it down.*
 - *These are wonderful ways to love like Jesus! Let’s use this list when we talk to God.”*

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how to love each other. Sometimes it’s hard, but we know Jesus is with us and will help us love like He loves. Help us love others by (read the list the children made). We want to be a shining light of love everywhere we go. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

March Week 2

Start Your Engines

March 13-15

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

March 13th-15th

SUPPLIES: Playdoh, rollers, people cutters, Bible, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of HAND SANITIZER. Distribute playdoh and tools.**
- *“All month long we are learning about showing the love of Jesus. Can we make people with our play doh? Let’s create people who we can show the love of Jesus to! Who are you making?”*

READ The Beginner’s Bible, p . 437, “Washing the Disciples’ Feet”

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 can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*
 - Memory Verse:
 - *“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12*

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.**
 - *“Jesus washed His friends’ dirty feet to be a good friend and show them He loved them. Let’s make a list of things we can do for our friends to show them we want to be a good friend. When I say your name, tell me one way you can be a good friend and show your friends you love them, and I will write it down.*
 - *Wow! This is a great list! Let’s use it when we talk to God.”*

PRAY

“Dear God, we want to be a good friend and love others the way Jesus loves us. Will You help [child’s name and what they listed] and [next child’s name and what they listed] . . . (continue with the children’s list) . . . so we can be good friends and love others the way Jesus loves us? We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

March Week 3

Start Your Engines

March 20-22

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

March 20th-22nd

SUPPLIES: Playdoh, rollers, people cutters, Bible, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of HAND SANITIZER. Distribute playdoh and tools.**
 - *“All month long we are learning about showing the love of Jesus. Can we make people with our play doh? Let’s create people who we can show the love of Jesus to! Who are you making?”*

READ *Jesus and His Friends.*

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 can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*
 - Memory Verse:
 - *“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12*

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.**
 - *“Helping others is one way we can love the way Jesus loves us, let’s make a list of ways we can help people. When I say your name, tell me one way you can help people, and I will write it down.*
 - *These are great ways we can help people. Let’s use our list when we talk to God. Will you pray with me?”*

PRAY

“Dear God, Jesus is the best friend anyone will ever have. He really wants to help, share, and say kind words to everyone in the whole, wide world! That is real love! And we want to love like Jesus. So God, will You please help us to (read the list the children made) so people everywhere will know that we love them the way Jesus loves us? We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

March 2021 Any Time Activities!

Did you finish all the activities and still have time to spare?
You can ALWAYS try one of these any time activities!

Parachute

- ⇒ **Gather children around the parachute and say...**
 - *Jesus loves us so much! We can love others the way Jesus does! How does that make you feel? It makes me feel SO happy! Let's have some fun with the parachute!*

- ⇒ **Make big waves, small, toss soft squishy toys on, etc. When you stop say....**
 - *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*

Freeze Dance

- ⇒ **Have children spread out around the room.**
 - *Let's have a Jesus praise party! I just love dancing and praising Jesus together. Will you dance with me?*

- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children dance. When you hit pause say...**
 - *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*