

February Week 2

It's a Party!

February 13

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES:

Love Mail Valentine, Love Mail Parent Note, crayons, miscellaneous heart stickers, heart stamps, dot markers, A6 size envelope

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out Love Mail Valentine.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that Jesus loves everyone, no matter where you live. Let’s make a Valentine card, and you can mail it to someone special.*

⇒ **Spread out all the crafting options on the table: crayons, markers, dot markers, heart stickers, and heart stampers.**

- *“Your card has special words on it. It says, ‘Jesus loves you.’ Use the crayons, stickers, stamps, and dot markers to decorate your card.*
- *Be sure to write your name on the card so your friend knows who it’s from. If you need help writing it, I can help you!*

⇒ **Pass out one envelope to each child.**

- *“These look excellent! Now let’s slide the card into the envelope. When you get home, ask your grown-up to write the name and address on there of someone you love so that you can send them their valentine!*

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

- *“In our story, Jesus didn’t care that the woman at the well wasn’t from the same place as Him. He loved her and wanted to be her friend, no matter where she lived. No matter where you live, Jesus loves you. Everyone is invited to Jesus’ party.*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!”**

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STEP 2 – Activity #1

Four Corners

SUPPLIES: Four Corners pages, wall tape

SET-UP: Tape one picture in each corner of the room at child-eye level.

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Today in our Bible story, we learned that Jesus loves everyone EVERYWHERE!”*
- *We have pictures of places all around our room. Do you see them? We have a beach, a snowy mountain, a large building, and a small building. Does Jesus love people in all of these places? YES! Jesus loves everyone, everywhere!*

⇒ **Have children run to a corner when you describe it.**

- *“Everyone, stand in the middle of the room. Listen very carefully to what I say and then go to the picture that I call. Are you ready?”*
- *Everyone, go to the corner with the picture of the sunny beach!*
- *Good job, Jesus loves everyone, everywhere, even at the beach! Let’s do it again!*

⇒ **Repeat with each location, as long as children are interested. You can extend the activity by having them hop, crawl, silly walk, etc to each picture.**

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

- *“That was so much fun! Jesus loves EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!”*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!”**

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Step 2 – Activity #2

Heart Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Heart and earth stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and show them the hearts and earths.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story we learned that Jesus love EVERYONE! His love is SO BIG! He has so much love for everyone in the world!*
 - *Do you see what I have here? What is this? A heart! And this? The Earth! These can remind us that Jesus loves EVERYONE all over the earth. He loves everyone, everywhere!*

- ⇒ **Scatter the stress balls around the room and have children gather them.**
 - *“I want you to close your eyes and I am going to spread these out all around the room. It’s just like Jesus’ love - it goes everywhere! When I tell you it’s time to open your eyes I want you to find all the hearts and earths!*
 - *Close your eyes now!*
 - *Are you ready? Open them!*

- ⇒ **Have children find all the stress balls. Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“You did such a great job finding all the hearts and earths! I felt so much love all over this room! It’s just like Jesus’ love because Jesus loves everyone!*
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!”***

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STEP 3

Read-Ask-Practice-Pray

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *Jesus Loves Me* by Debby Anderson
- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debby Anderson

ASK A QUESTION

Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.