

February Week 3

It's a Party!

February 20

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse page, heart shaped foam paint brushes, red paint, small disposable plates, baby wipes, smocks

Alternative to Paint: Heart Stickers, Heart Stampers, Crayons, Dot Markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Put smocks on children. Pass out memory verse page.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we heard another story about someone that Jesus loved. When Zacchaeus found out how much Jesus loved him, he wanted to show that love to others! And we can do the same!*
- *Our memory verse reminds us that we can “Do everything in love.” That’s what these words say right here. Can you say the memory verse with me? “Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14. Great job, friends!”*

⇒ **Place one or two plates at each table with a squeeze of red paint on each. Hand each child a foam heart paint brush.**

- *“Today you are going to make a beautiful memory verse page using these heart stampers. Watch while I demonstrate. I gently place it in the paint – see how I only need a little bit on my heart? Then I can gently press it onto the page. And look! It makes a heart! Can you try?”*

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

- *“Wow! These look beautiful! You did a great job. Remember, Jesus loves us no matter who we are, no matter where we’re from and no matter what we’ve done. Jesus loves everyone!*
- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves everyone!”***

Please note: If you have an exceptionally large class and do not feel you have enough volunteer hands to make paint happen, you can opt for heart stampers, stickers/crayons/dot markers.

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STEP 2 - ACTIVITY #1

Heart Jump

SUPPLIES: 3 Hula Hoops

SET-UP: Lay the hula hoops on the floor in jumping distance from each other for little legs

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you next to the hula hoops**
 - *“Do you see these hula hoops? Today we are going to use our bodies to help us remember the answer to our important question.*
 - *When I say, “Who does Jesus love?” I want you to jump in each hula hoop and say “Jesus – loves – everyone!” (Demonstrate as you hop in one hula hoop for each word.”*

- ⇒ **Have the children line up and take a turn one at a time jumping into the hoops.**
 - *“Now I want each of you to take a turn. When I ask you, “Who does Jesus love?” you can take a turn jumping into each hula hoop. Are you ready?*
 - *“Who does Jesus love?” “Jesus loves everyone!”*

- ⇒ **Have each child take a turn.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great job, friends! I am so thankful that Jesus loves us, aren't you?*
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!”***

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STEP 2 - ACTIVITY #2

Heart Parachute Toss Up

SUPPLIES: Parachute, heart stress balls, CD player, worship music

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! This month we have been learning about how much Jesus loves us. And if Jesus has a party, everyone is invited! So let’s celebrate! We can have fun by putting these hearts on the parachute and bouncing them HIGH!”*

- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the hearts bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who does Jesus love?”*
 - *“Jesus loves EVERYONE!”*

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun! It felt like a party! And when Jesus has a party, everyone is invited – 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.