

February Week 3

It's a Party!

February 20

CRAFT

Heart Prints

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

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!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Good choice, Bad choice

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *"Today in our Bible story, we learned about a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus didn't always make the best choices. Friends, have you ever made a bad choice? I know I have. I am so thankful that Jesus loves us no matter what choices we make!"*
- *Boys and girls, we are going to play a game to help us decide which choices are good ones that we can make.?*

⇒ **Demonstrate how to stand up or sit down for each choice.**

- *"I will call out a choice. Some are good and some are bad. If it's a good choice I want you to stand up. If it's a bad choice, I want you to sit down. Are you ready? Let's play!"*

⇒ **Call out choices at random and have children sit or stand.**

- *Good Choices:*
 - *You listened to your mom.*
 - *You helped in the kitchen.*
 - *You played with your baby brother.*
 - *You let your friend go first.*
 - *You used kind words.*
 - *You called your grandma to say hi.*
- *Bad Choices:*
 - *You used unkind words.*
 - *You made a mess and didn't clean it up.*
 - *You ate a cookie without asking permission.*
 - *You pushed your brother.*
 - *You took a toy from another friend.*
 - *You pitched a big fit when your mom said it was time for bed.*

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

- *Great listening, friends. We all make good choices and bad choices. Just like Zacchaeus from our Bible story, sometimes we make bad choices that we know are wrong. But Jesus still loved Zacchaeus. That's because Jesus loves everyone!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

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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ACTIVITY #3

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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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY FEBRUARY WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *The Beginner Bible: p. 413, "A Short Man"*

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who does Jesus love?***
- ***Jesus loves everyone!***

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Since Jesus loves everyone even when we do something wrong, today we'll make a list of wrong things we have done. Everyone has done wrong things, but Jesus loves everyone, anyway! When I say your name, **tell me one thing you have done wrong**, and I will write it down. Maybe you didn't share or you got angry and yelled or you didn't obey your parents. Whatever it is, we can use our list when we pray to thank God for sending Jesus to love us, no matter what

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ "Thank you for this great list! Let's pray and thank Jesus for loving us no matter what!"

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us, even when we do something wrong. When we've done things like (read the list you and the children made), Jesus still loves us. Help us remember that Jesus loves everyone so we can love everyone, too. In Jesus' name, amen."*