

June Week 1
Backyard
Making Waves

June 5

CRAFT

I Can Love

SUPPLIES: Jesus cut-out, heart cut-out, craft sticks, tape, crayons/markers,
Parent note

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Jesus cut-out.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that God loves us SO much that he sent his one and only son Jesus to be our friend forever.*
- *Here is Jesus! Boys and girls, let’s color Jesus!”*

⇒ **Pass our heart cut-out.**

- *“Friends, when Jesus is your friend forever, He can help you choose to love others.*
- *Here is a heart. Let’s color the heart!”*

⇒ **Pass out craft sticks and help kids attach them to the back with tape.**

- *“Now we are going to attach a craft stick to the back of Jesus and to the back of the heart. I can help you! Nice job, everyone!”*
- *We can use our heart to say this: Jesus (hold up Jesus) can help me love (hold up heart) everyone!*
- *Let’s try that together a few times! Jesus (hold up Jesus) can help me love (hold up heart) everyone!”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Great job, friends! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. And when Jesus is your friend forever, He can help you with everything – like choosing to love others!”*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Ways to Love

SUPPLIES: Ways to love pictures

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children for the activity.**

- *“Friends, today we learned that God loved us so much that He sent his son Jesus to be our friend forever. And when we know Jesus loves us, we can choose love and show his love to others! Jesus can help us!”*

⇒ **Spread pictures out on the floor or table. Show children the pictures one at a time and discuss.**

- *“I have some pictures to show you. Let’s talk about what each of them mean!”*
 - *Ears: What is this picture? Ears! What do we do with ears? Yes! We listen. You can show love to others when you listen to them!*
 - *Hands: What is this picture? Hands! What do we do to show love with our hands? Yes! We can help! You can show love to others when you use your hands to help them!*
 - *Hug: What is happening in this picture? These friends are hugging. We can show love by choosing to forgive.”*

⇒ **Read the prompts and lead children to point to the corresponding picture.**

- *“I am going to read some different ways to show love. When I do, I want you to decide which picture it goes with by pointing to it. Here we go!”*
 - *You HELP your mom carry in the groceries.*
 - *You LISTEN to your dad when he tells a story.*
 - *You FORGIVE your little brother for snatching your favorite toy.*
 - *You LISTEN to your friend when she’s sad.*
 - *You FORGIVE your friend when she accidentally bumps you in line.*
 - *You HELP your teacher pick up the books.*

⇒ **Finish the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“There are so many ways to show love! We can show love when we listen, when we help, and when we forgive. I’m so glad Jesus can help me choose love. Tell me....”*
- ***Who can help you do everything? God can help me do everything!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Heart Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Squishy hearts

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that God loved us so much that he sent his son Jesus to be our friend forever. And when Jesus is our friend forever, he can help us with EVERYTHING! He can help us choose to love others!”*

⇒ **Show children the hearts.**

- *“Look what I have here! Hearts! These hearts represent all the love that Jesus has for us that we can share with others! I am going to spread Jesus love all around the room for everyone and then I want you to go get it! Close your eyes while I hide them!”*

⇒ **Scatter the hearts around the room. Have children open their eyes and find the hearts and bring them back to you.**

- *“Let’s go get the hearts!”*
- *Friends, when we know Jesus loves us, we can share his love with others. Jesus can help us do everything!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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

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

- *“Friends, Jesus loves us so well. And because he loves us, we can show that love to everyone around us! And Jesus can help us!”*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

*Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +
Memory Verse Review*

SUPPLIES: Fruit of the Spirit Picture Card (Love), Summer 2022 CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us choose love! (Hold up the heart card)*
 - *God loves us so much that he sent his only son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! And Jesus can help us! He can help us show love to everyone around us. Jesus can help us do everything!*
 - *Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!”*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13*
 - *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*

- ⇒ **Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.**
 - *“Let’s get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let’s dance!”*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JUNE WEEK 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *God's Fruit in Me*, by Vince Rozier

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can help you do everything?**
Jesus can help me do everything!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philipians 4:13**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

Supplies: Heart story sticker

⇒ "Today, we will make a list of people we can love because one of the things Jesus can help us do is choose love. Then when we pray, we can ask God to help us love others the way He loves us. When I say your name, **tell me one person you can love and I will give you a heart story sticker for this week.**

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

⇒ Wow! There are so many people we can love! Let's use our list when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus can help us do everything—like choose love. Please help [child's name] choose to love [name they listed]. Help [child's name] choose to love [name they listed] . . . (continue with each child.) We want to love others the way You love us. In Jesus' name, amen."