

September Wk 1

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CRAFT

Dot Marker Heart

SUPPLIES: Trust in the Lord with all your heart page, dot markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Begin by passing out the heart and reviewing the memory verse.**

- *“Our memory verse tells us that we can trust God with all our heart. Let’s review our memory verse motions together. ‘Trust in the Lord (point up) with all (arms out wide) your heart (hands over heart),’ Proverbs 3:5.” (Open hands like a book.)*

⇒ **Give each child a dot marker. Demonstrate how to “dot” it instead of smearing or coloring with it.**

- *“We are going to make a beautiful heart to remind us of our memory verse today. Look how I use my dot marker to dot it on the page. Dot and lift! Can you try it? Nice job!”*

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

- *“You can hang this heart as a reminder that God loves you so much – no matter what! You can trust him with all your heart!”*
- ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Name that Emoji

SUPPLIES: Emoji pages, Hannah Picture, Heart stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **This activity can be done from tables or the center of the room. Gather children around you and show them emoji pages.**

- *“Friends! I have a bunch of emoji faces here. We are going to play a game called name that emoji.*
- *Look at all of these different faces I have here. Each one expresses a different emoji! How cool!”*

⇒ **Go through each emoji one at a time and have them make faces.**

- *Can you help me find the **frustrated** face? There it is! Can you make your own **frustrated** face? Good job!*
- *Does God love you when you feel **frustrated**? Yes! God loves us no matter what!*
- ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!***

⇒ **Repeat with each emoji: Sad, Happy, Silly Excited, Worried, Angry.**

⇒ **End with SAD and discuss today’s Bible story with the picture of Hannah. Give each child a heart sticker.**

- *(Hold up Hannah picture) Do you remember what Hannah was feeling in our Bible story today? She was feeling sad. Can you help me find the **sad** face? Hannah was sad because she couldn’t have a baby. She was so sad that she cried. Hannah knew she could always talk to God so she prayed. Hannah trusted God with all her heart because she knew God loved her.*
- *Can you make your own **sad** face? Good job! Does God love you when YOU feel **sad**? Yes! God loves us no matter what! I am going to give you a heart sticker to remind you that God loves you no matter what!*

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

- *We can always talk to God because God loves us no matter what!*
- ***“Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Heart Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Heart pillow, CD player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the center of the room. Show them the heart pillow.**
 - *“Boys and Girls, what do I have here in my hands? That’s right! A heart! We can use this heart to remind us of God’s love for us. God loves us so much! And he loves us when we are sad, mad, frustrated, happy, confused, silly....all the time! God loves you no matter what!”*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to play hot potato.**
 - *“We are going to play a game that is similar to hot potato. Has anyone played hot potato before?”*
 - *When I turn the music on we are going to pass this heart around the circle. When the music stops, one person will be holding the heart. That person will stand up and I will ask him or her our big question – ‘Who loves you no matter what?’ Then give the pillow a big squeeze and say ‘God loves me no matter what!’*
 - *Are you ready? Let’s play!*

- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“I am so glad that God loves us no matter what. And we can trust him no matter how we are feeling. Boys and girls, tell me one more time...”*
 - ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!”***

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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 BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Hannah's Prayer, p. 156*

⇒ How Much does God love me? by Adams

- Read the story and then say: God loves you so very much! He loves you no matter what!

ASK A QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

God loves me no matter what!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all you heart." Proverbs 3:5

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.