

**February Week 2**

Garden  
**Candy Hearts**

February 12<sup>th</sup>

**CRAFT**

*Candy Heart Valentines*

**SUPPLIES:**

Candy heart cut outs, Window envelopes, dot markers, heart and smiley face stickers, crayons, label sticker

**What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the candy heart cut-outs with phrases and put them in the envelope with the message showing in the window.**

- *“This month we are learning about how much Jesus loves us! Some people like to celebrate a holiday called Valentine’s Day which also celebrates love and that is coming up this week. Perfect timing!*
- *We are going to do a fun craft and make candy heart to celebrate love!*
- *These hearts are special because some of them have words and messages on them. Let’s see what they say and put them in our special Candy Hearts “box”.*
- *Can you find the purple heart? It says, ‘Jesus loves me’. That’s true! Jesus loves you so much! Let’s put that in our candy hearts box.*
- (Repeat with each color and phrase.)

⇒ **Pass out crayons, smiley/heart stickers, and dot markers (optional).**

- *Now look what I have here! I have 4 more special hearts for you to decorate. Let’s use these supplies to make our candy heart valentines beautiful!*

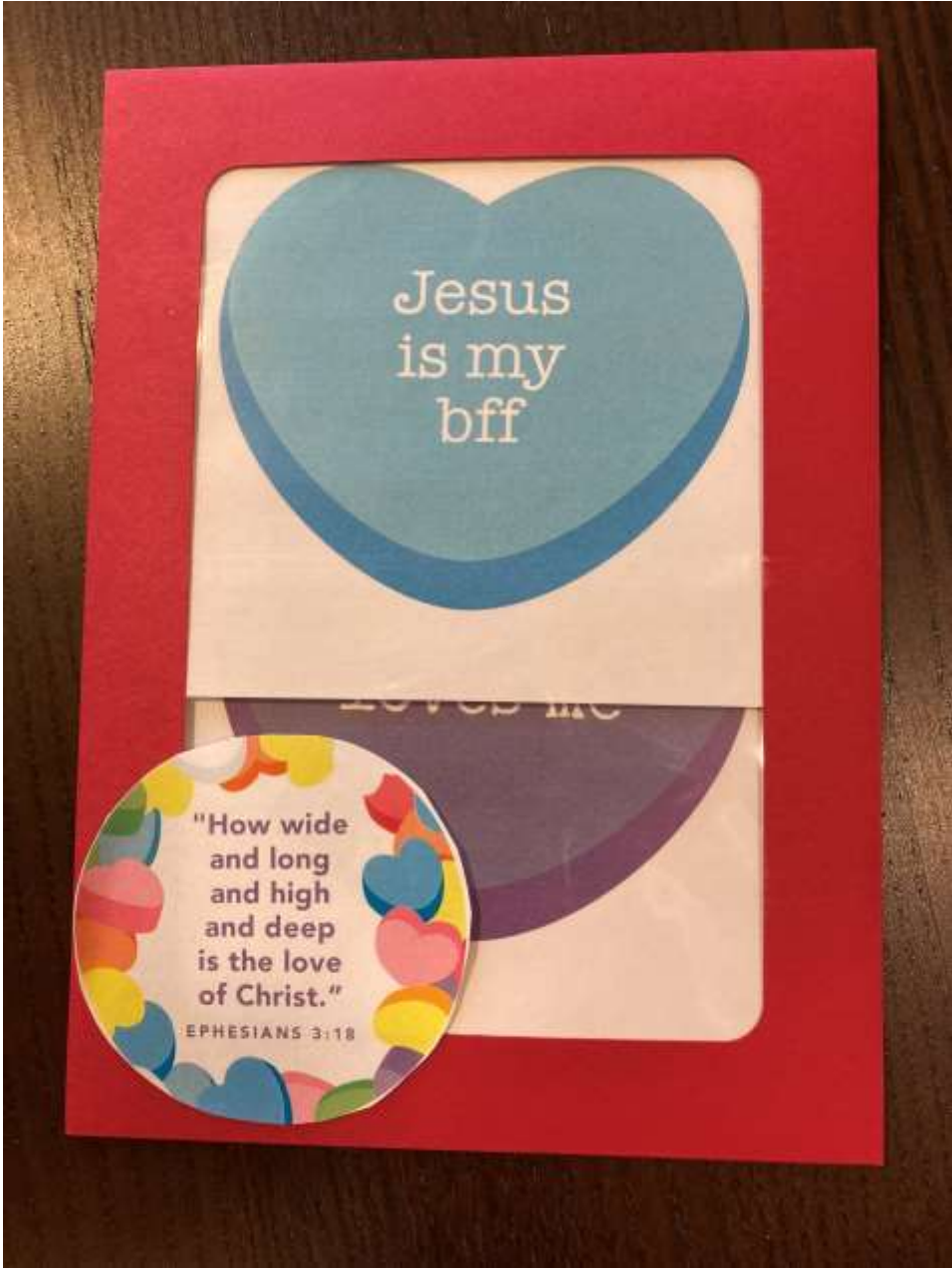
⇒ **Place all hearts in the candy heart “box” envelope. Place the circle sticker with the memory verse on the bottom left corner.**

- *“Let’s put all of our candy hearts in the envelope. I have a special sticker for you to put in the corner of the envelope. It says our memory verse! Jesus loves you so very much. His love is wide and long and high and deep! Let’s say our memory verse together: ‘How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.’ Ephesians 3:18.*
- *Great job!*

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

- *“You can take these candy heart Valentines home and share the messages with your family! Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever!*
- ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me!”***

Sample Craft



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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Stop and Go*

### **SUPPLIES:**

Mary/Martha Stop and Go sign, Floor Tape

### **SET-UP:**

Place a long piece of floor tape on the floor on one side of the room for the children to stand spaced out on.

## **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children stand spaced out on the floor tape line. Hold up your Stop/Go sign and explain it to the children.**

- *“In our true Bible story today, Jesus went to visit his friends, Mary and Martha. Jesus wanted to spend time with them. When Jesus got there, Mary stopped to listen to Jesus. Have you ever seen a STOP sign on the road? Do you know what color it is? Red! I have a special sign here and look who is on the red side of the stop sign. It’s Mary!*
- *And what color do we use for Go? Green! We have a picture of Martha on the green side because Martha just kept going and going.”*
- *We are going to play a little game of stop and go – red light green light. I will hold up my sign and when it is green, I want you to GO! When it’s red I want you to STOP!*

⇒ **Call out a command and hold up the sign. Alternate between red and green.**

- *“To make it even more fun, let’s do some really fun things when you have a green light. When I give you a command and you see the green, let’s go! Okay friends, let’s march! Green!!! (Alternate between Red and Green until they reach the other side.)*
- *Great job, friends. Head back to your spots, and let’s do it again. This time...*
  - Run in in place like a cheetah
  - Hop in place like a kangaroo
  - Swim like a fish
  - Waddle like a penguin
  - Star jump like a starfish
  - Chomp like an alligator
  - Move SLLLOOOOWWWWLLLYYY like a turtle
  - Any others you come up with ☺

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Jesus said it was good that Mary stopped to listen and spend time with Him. Jesus wants you to stop and spend time with Him, too, because Jesus loves you.*
- ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Heart Look and Find*

**SUPPLIES:** Heart-shaped Stress Balls, parachute (optional)

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

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

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- *“In our true Bible story today, we heard about how Jesus LOVES us! Jesus loves us and ALWAYS wants to spend time with us.*
- *Jesus loves us so much. And he loves everyone! I have a bunch of hearts here. Let’s pretend that all of these hearts represent Jesus’ love for us.”*

⇒ **Scatter the hearts around the room.**

- *“I am going to put these hearts all over the room while you close your eyes. Then when I’m done, I want you to try to find them and bring them back to me!*
- *Are you ready? Go find the hearts!*

⇒ **Have children collect all the hearts.**

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the hearts!*
- ***Who loves you?***
- ***Jesus loves me!***

⇒ **\*Optional Variations**

- Have children come back with the hearts in different ways: hopping on one foot, with the bow on their head, jumping like a bunny, etc.
- Get a parachute and put the hearts on the parachute and pop them out.

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Wow, boys and girls! That’s a lot of hearts and a lot of love. But do you know what’s cool? Jesus loves us even more than all of the hearts we have here! He loves you so very much!*
- ***Who loves you?***
- ***Jesus loves me!***

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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

⇒ Read from the Bible.

- *The Beginner's Bible: Mary and Martha, p. 385*

⇒ Read from the February story books.

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

## ASK A QUESTION

Who loves you? Jesus loves me!

## PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”

Ephesians 3:18

## 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.