

February Week 3

Garden
Candy Hearts

February 19th

CRAFT

Memory Verse Measuring

SUPPLIES: Measuring tape pieces, crayons, heart stampers, heart stickers, clear tape

PREP: **Important to do BEFORE craft time.** Assemble the measuring tapes by taping together with clear tape pieces.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the measuring tapes.**

Practice memory verse.

- *“Friends, gather round. Do you see what I have here? It is called a measuring tape. It is a tool used for measuring to find out how long or tall something is.*
- *And look! It says our memory verse on here. Let’s set out measuring tapes on the table and say it together with the motions:*
 - *How wide (hold arms out wide) and long (hold arms up and down) and high (jump high) and deep (crouch low) is the love (hug yourself) of Christ,’ (point up) Ephesians 3:18. (Open hands like a book.)*

⇒ **Pass out crayons, heart stampers, heart stickers**

- *“Let’s decorate these measuring tapes! I have crayons, stampers, and heart stickers for you. Let’s fill them up and make them beautiful. All of these hearts remind me how very much God loves us!”*

⇒ **Use measuring tapes to say the memory verse.**

- *“Let’s do our memory verse one more time and use our measuring tape. We can stretch it out in all the directions:*
 - *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Ephesians 3:18”*

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

- *“Nice work, friends! Jesus’ love for you is wide and long and high and deep. And he wants to be your friend forever! I’m so glad to know that Jesus loves me and you!*
- ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Pass the Heart Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Squishy or Plush heart, CD player, worship music cd

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**
 - *“In our true Bible story today, we heard about how Jesus LOVES us! I have a heart here to help remind us of Jesus’ love. We are going to play some music and pass the heart around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the heart will say our memory verse!”*

- ⇒ **Play music and pass the heart around. Pause music. Have the child holding the heart say the memory verse.**
 - *“It’s your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!”*
 - *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”*
Ephesians 3:18.

- ⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Wow, boys and girls! Jesus loves every single one of you so very much!*
 - ***Who loves you?***
 - ***Jesus loves me!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Hula Hoop Hop

SUPPLIES: 3 hula Hoops, Heart sticker

SET-UP: Put 3 hula hoops in a row on the floor within child hopping distance

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Bring children over to the hula hoops. Have them sit in a line next to the hula hoops. Demonstrate hopping from hoop to hoop.**
 - *“Today we are going to practice our big questions as we move our bodies! Each of you are going to get a turn to hop from hoop to hoop as you answer our big question. So when I say, “who loves you?” you are going to jump in each hoop as you answer, like this:*
 - (Hop in hoop 1) **Jesus** (hop to hoop 2) **Loves** (hop to hoop 3) **Me!**
 - *Then, when you reach the end, I am going to give you a heart sticker!”*
- ⇒ **Have each child take a turn jumping from hoop to hoop.**
 - *“Alright let’s do this! Who wants to go first? Come on up! Who loves you? (Some kids may need you to hold their hand or say the answer with them as they hop!) Jesus loves me!*
 - *Great job! Here is your heart sticker to remind you how much Jesus loves you! Who is next?”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If you want to keep playing you can have them: jump like a frog, jump really fast, jump really slow, etc.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends! That was fun!*
 - **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: A Captain's Faith*, p. 324

⇒ 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.