

February Week 4
Garden
Candy Hearts
February 26th

CRAFT

Fragrant Thanks

SUPPLIES: Jesus and the Woman Page, crayons, dot markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat and review the Bible story.**
 - *“In our story today, we heard about a woman who came to a dinner where Jesus was. She had made a lot of bad decisions. She sat at Jesus’ feet and cried because He forgave her for all the things she had done wrong. She was so thankful that Jesus loved her that she wanted to do something special for Him. So she washed Jesus’ feet.”*
- ⇒ **Pass out the coloring page to each child. Pass out crayons.**
 - *“Let’s color the picture of Jesus and the woman. But do you see the spot where the perfume poured out? Let’s leave that blank because I have something special for you.”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a dot marker and have them dot in the perfume.**
 - *“The woman washed His feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Then she poured perfume on His feet. Perfume is a liquid with a sweet smell. Let’s use these dot markers and pretend that they are perfume! We can pretend that they smell so nice. (Pause.) Jesus knew everything the woman had done, and He could see how sorry she was and how much she loved Him. Jesus told her she was forgiven and to go in peace.”*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *“There is absolutely nothing that you could ever do to make Jesus stop loving you. Jesus loves you, no matter what, and He wants to be your friend forever.*
 - ***Who loves you? Jesus loves me.”***

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ACTIVITY #2

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 #3

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 Gift for Jesus, p. 423*

⇒ 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.