

March Week 2

Backyard
Confetti Toss

March 12th

CRAFT

A friend loves at all times

SUPPLIES: Memory verse page, cut outs, crayons, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the memory verse pages.**
- *“In our true Bible story today, we heard that Jesus show loved who needed help. He was gentle and kind to her. And he healed her! We can look at the way Jesus treated this woman and learn how to treat our friends, too! Jesus shows us how to love our friends!*
 - *Let’s take a look at our papers. Point to the words. They say, “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*
 - *Can you say that memory verse with me with our motions? “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17. That’s right!*
- ⇒ **Pick up one square at a time. Have children color and then use the glue stick to put it in the correct square.**
- Friends hugging: *Can you find the picture of the friends hugging each other? Great job! Let’s color that picture first. Now let’s find the first box. Put a little bit of glue on the back of your picture and let’s press it to the first box.*
 - Heart: *Can you find the picture of the heart? What does the heart stand for? Love! That’s right! Let’s color our heart. Now you can glue the heart in the second box.*
 - Clock: *Can you find the clock? We use a clock to tell time. Let’s color our clocks. Now you can glue the clock in the final box.”*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *“These look great! Now let’s point to each square and say our memory verse together. “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 19:19*
 - *Way to go, boys and girls! We can love our friends because Jesus showed us how to love one another!*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Story Walk

SUPPLIES: Story Walk pictures, wall tape

SET UP: Tape the story walk pictures at children's eye level around the room.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *"Friends! Today we heard an amazing true story about how Jesus showed love to a woman who had been sick for a very long time. Let's see if we can retell the story together as we find the pictures around the room.."*

⇒ **Have children look for the pictures around the room and do fun motions to get from picture to picture. Read the words on the picture when you get there.**

- #1 Woman: *Do you see a picture of the woman who was sick? Let's hop like a bunny to get to her! There was a woman who had been sick for a very long time.*
- #2 Doctor Bag: *Do you see a picture of a doctor's bag? Let's gallop to it! The sick woman had been to lots of doctors, but no one could make her better.*
- #3 Jesus: *Do you see a picture of Jesus? Let's crawl to it! The woman heard Jesus was in town. She thought if she could touch Jesus' clothes, He would make her all better.*
- #4 Crowd: *Do you see a picture of a big crowd? Let's tiptoe to it! The woman reached through the crowd of people and touched Jesus' clothes. Jesus' power made her all better.*
- #5 Jesus and the woman: *Do you see the picture of Jesus and the woman? Let's run to it! Jesus knew the woman had touched His clothes. The woman was afraid Jesus would be mad, but Jesus wasn't mad. Jesus loved the woman and was kind to her.*

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Wow! Jesus is such a good friend! He took care of the woman when no one else could. He was gentle and kind to her.*
- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"*

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ACTIVITY #2

Buckets of Love

SUPPLIES: Buckets w/Ways to Love pictures taped to front, heart squishies, floor tape

SET-UP: Set up the buckets in a row, side by side, about two feet apart. Use floor tape to create a line a few feet away from the buckets

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, come over here and let’s make a line facing these buckets. We are going to take turns tossing a heart into the bucket and fill the buckets up with love!”*

⇒ **Point to the first bucket. Have children toss a heart into the bucket.**

- *“What do you see on this first bucket? Yes! It’s a picture of two friends hugging each other. It looks like one friend is sad and the other is encouraging them with a hug. That’s loving like Jesus for sure!”*
- *Now let’s each take a turn tossing a heart into this bucket!*
- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*

⇒ **Point to the second bucket.**

- *“Let’s take a look at the second bucket! What do you see? These two friends are sharing a cookie. That’s loving like Jesus!”*
- *Let’s toss our hearts into the bucket! Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*

⇒ **Point to the third bucket.**

- *“Let’s take a look at the third bucket! What do you see? One friend has fallen off his bike and another friend has stopped to help. That’s loving like Jesus! Let’s toss our hearts into the bucket!”*
- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*

⇒ **Point to the final bucket.**

- *“Last bucket! What do you see in this picture? It’s a heart! When you toss your heart tell me one way you can love like Jesus!”*
- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Jesus showed us how to love so we can love like Jesus!”*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: None Needed

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17*
 - *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*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!”*
 - ***Who can love like Jesus?***
 - ***I can love like Jesus!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ Read from the Bible.

- *The Beginner's Bible: Two Miracles, p. 340*
 - *This is an amazing true Bible story. In it we see that Jesus was actually on his way to do another miracle when he healed the woman. Jesus is so amazing!*

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

Who can love like Jesus?

I can love like Jesus!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17**

CONNECT IT

⇒ “Today in our true Bible story, we learned that Jesus loved the woman by being kind to her. Let’s make a list of ways we can be kind. When I say your name, tell me one way you think you can be kind.”

- *Write each child’s answer on the white board or paper.*

PRAY

⇒ “I love this list! And when we do the things on this list, we will love like Jesus! Let’s pray and ask God to help us!

- “Dear God, there is no one more powerful than You. You have the power to help us and always be with us. Please help us be kind and gentle, like Jesus, so we can love like Jesus. Help us do things like . . . *(read the list the children made)*. You’re the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”