

March Week 1

Backyard
Confetti Toss

March 5th

CRAFT

Confetti heart

SUPPLIES: I can love like Jesus page, tissue paper squares, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the heart pages.**

- *“In our true Bible story today, we heard that Jesus show loved to His friends, the disciples, by washing their feet. We know that Jesus loves us, and He wants us to love people like He does.*
- *What shape do you see on your paper? That’s right! It’s a heart. And hearts make us think of love.*

⇒ **Show children how to add glue to their heart and then crumple up tissue paper “confetti” and place it inside the heart.**

- *“We are going to add something special to our hearts. Jesus’ love is like confetti: it goes everywhere! Let’s add some confetti!*
- *We can pretend that these little pieces of tissue paper are confetti. If you place a little bit of glue on your heart, then you can crumple up the tissue and stick it to your heart. Let’s fill our hearts up with confetti!”*

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

- *“Let’s count to three and shout ‘Hooray’! Ready? 1, 2, 3, Hooray!*
- *We filled this whole heart up with confetti. When you throw confetti, it goes everywhere. Jesus’ love goes everywhere, too, just like confetti. Jesus wants us to love everyone like He loves us, but Jesus didn’t just TELL us what to do. Jesus SHOWED us what to do! Jesus told His friends that He washed their feet to show them how to love people the way He loves people.*
- ***Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Wash those feet!

SUPPLIES: “Trace These Feet” pages in clear plastic sleeves, dry erase markers, paper towels

SET UP: Place one sleeve one dry erase marker, and one paper towel at each child’s spot.

TIP: Give children a paper towel to wipe the feet clean, not a wet wipe. If they use the wet wipe and then a marker the marker will be ruined.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **While holding a sheet, demonstrate the first time through as you introduce the activity.**

- *“Can anyone tell me what you see on this page? That’s right! Feet! Jesus washed his friend’s feet. He was a great friend. Let’s trace the dotted lines to make the feet.”*

⇒ **Give children a moment to trace the lines and then go on:**

- *“Now we are going to make those feet so dirty! When Jesus and his friends walked around in sandals they had stinky, yucky feet! Let’s mess them up!”*

⇒ **Demonstrate making muddy feet. Give children a moment to do the same.**

- *“Would you want to wash someone’s stinky, dirty feet? I sure wouldn’t! But that’s who Jesus was! He was a good friend!”*

⇒ **Show the children the paper towel.**

- *“Now it is time to clean up these feet! Can you wash your feet clean?”*

⇒ **Repeat the activity as many times as they are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Wow! Jesus is such a good friend! He loved his friends so much that he washed their yucky feet. And he loves you that much too! Jesus taught us how to love others!”*
- *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 (4), heart squishies, floor tape

SET-UP: Set up the buckets in a row, side by side, about two feet apart. Use floor

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: Washing the Disciples' Feet, p. 437*

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, Jesus showed us one way we can love like Him. Let's make a list of other ways we can love like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you think we can love like Jesus."

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

PRAY

⇒ "These are wonderful ways we can love like Jesus! Let's pray and ask God to help us!

- Dear God, Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to love. Please help us to love like Jesus and do things like... (*read the list children made*). You're the best, God, and we love You very much! In Jesus' name, amen."