

## March Week 4

Backyard  
Confetti Toss

March 26<sup>th</sup>

# CRAFT

## *Love Like Jesus Headband*

**SUPPLIES:** Headband strips, Heart cut-outs, dot markers, heart stickers, crayons, glue sticks, stapler

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out heart cut-outs and crayons.**

- *“Friends – All month long we have been learning how we can love like Jesus. Today we are going to make this really cool headband that we can wear and to help us remember to love others like Jesus did.*
- *I have three hearts for you.*
  - *This one says I can love like Jesus. Let’s color it!*
  - *Now can you find the heart with all the people. Look! They all look different. They are different ages and sizes and have different skin colors. We can love them all like Jesus does! Let’s color it!*
  - *Now can you find the heart with the two friends with their arms around each other? Jesus taught us how to be a good friend. Remember our memory verse? ‘A friend loves at all times.’ Let’s color it!”*

⇒ **Pass out Headband strips. Glue hearts to the headband. Then, decorate with dot markers, crayons, and heart stickers.**

- *“This is going to be our headband. First find the heart with the words on it. We are going to glue that to the center of the headband.*
- *Now let’s put the other hearts on either side.*
- *Now we can decorate the band! We have crayons and dot markers and heart stickers. Let’s make it beautiful!*

⇒ **Staple the headband to fit their head.**

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

- *In our story today, we heard how Jesus chose different people with different jobs and from different families and different places, to follow Him. Jesus loves everyone, and He wants us to love everyone, everywhere, just like Him. I can love like Jesus!*
- **Who can love like Jesus?**
- **I can love like Jesus!”**

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Calling the Disciples*

**SUPPLIES:** 12 Disciples pictures, wall tape, different colors of cardstock.

**SET UP:** Tape the 12 pictures around the room at children's' eye level. Then tape one piece of colored cardstock over it with only the top taped so the flap can be lifted up to see the disciple underneath.

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Guide children to join you in the center of the room.**

- *"Today in our true Bible story we heard about the twelve people Jesus chose to follow him. Each of them was different, but Jesus loved them all! Jesus loves everyone!"*

⇒ **Call out a color and have children walk to the colored paper and lift it up. Name the disciple and then ask him to 'follow me!'**

- *"We are going to find the disciples around our room. Do you see all the different colors? When I call out a color, we are going to go find the color and see who is underneath!"*
- *Are you ready? Go find red!*
- *Let's lift up the red and see who is underneath! Look! It's \_\_\_\_\_!*  
*Hi \_\_\_\_\_! Everybody say – follow me! 'Follow me!'*
- *Great job!*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!***

⇒ **Repeat with each different disciple.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *"Nice work, friends! Jesus chose different people to follow Him because Jesus loves everyone! And if Jesus loves everyone, then we can love everyone, too, because we can love like Jesus!"*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!***

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# ACTIVITY #2

## *Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, squishy hearts

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

⇒ **Gather children around the parachute.**

- *“Friends, come over here and form a circle around the parachute with me! Today in our true Bible story we heard about how Jesus loved all different people! He showed his love to everyone! And we can do the same.*

⇒ **Have children pick up a handle of the parachute.**

- *“Let’s play a parachute game. I am going to toss these hearts onto the parachute. Let’s make big waves and spread Jesus’ love everywhere! When the hearts pop out we can run and collect them all!*

⇒ **Have children make waves. Have them answer the big question and then pop the hearts off the parachute.**

- *“Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus! Let’s shake the parachute!*
- *Look all the love is everywhere! Go get the hearts and bring them back to the parachute!”*

⇒ **Have children gather the hearts on the parachute.**

- *“Jesus shared his love with everyone – people who were from different places and did different things and looked different and thought different. He showed us how to love others!*
- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

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

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *All My Friends*

**SUPPLIES:** None Needed

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“Before we get started, let’s all say and do the motions to our memory verse. Are you ready? Okay! ‘A friend (hook pointer fingers together) loves (hug yourself) at all times (arms out and twirl),’ Proverbs 17:17. (Open hands like a book.) Fantastic!*
  
- ⇒ **Call out different colors of clothes or shoes, different hairstyles or colors, if they wear glasses, etc. If a child has what you called, they move to the center of the circle and say the memory verse. Repeat until every child has had at least one turn.**
  - *Everyone, listen closely to my words. All my friends who have blue shoes on, move to the center of the circle. Okay friends in the middle, say the verse with me. ‘A friend loves at all times,’ Proverbs 17:17. Great job! Go back to the circle.*
  - *All my friends who have ponytails, move to the middle and say the verse with me. (Pause.) Go back to the circle.*
  - *All my friends who have glasses, move to the middle and say the verse with me.*
  - *(Continue with different prompts until each child has had at least one turn.)*
  - *Now ALL my friends come to the middle. Let’s say it all together. ‘A friend loves at all times,’ Proverbs 17:17. Yay! Fantastic!”*
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Jesus loves each of us and wants us to follow Him and love others like He does.*
  - ***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: Jesus Chooses His Disciples, p. 308*

### **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**

- ⇒ “Since Jesus loves everyone, we’ll make a list of people we can love. And it can be anyone because when we love like Jesus, we love EVERYONE! So, when I say your name, tell me the name of one person.”
  - *Write each child’s answer on the white board or paper.*

### **PRAY**

- ⇒ “Look at these people! Let’s pray that we will love them like Jesus.
  - *“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love (say each child’s name) and everyone in the whole, wide world! We want to love everyone like Jesus. Help us love . . . (read the list the children made) and all of the people in the world who aren’t on our list. You’re the best, God. In Jesus’ name. amen.”*