



## WEEK FIVE – SEPTEMBER 2024 – PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story:** *Tabitha Helps* | Acts 9:36-42

**Key Question:** *Who can love like Jesus?*

**Bottom Line:** *I can love like Jesus*

**Memory Verse:** *“How you made me is amazing + wonderful.”– Psalm 139:14  
ESV*

**Basic Truth:** *Jesus wants to be my friend forever*

**Series Overview:** The LiteBrite was an instant hit of a toy and has remained such a favorite for all these years that families are still having fun making pictures with light. This month, we’re talking about a different kind of bright light. We’re talking about THE light that God sent into the world to shine bright for all the world to see. And THIS light has a name. His name is Jesus! Each time we choose to love like Jesus, we become a bright light. Just like each LiteBrite peg lights up to make a picture, each and every act of love is a bright light that makes a beautiful picture for the world to see Jesus.

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**9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY**

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**Opening Small Group Activity**

*Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts*

**What You Need:** Butcher paper, MAGNA-TILES<sup>®</sup>, and a permanent marker

**What You Do:**

- Draw a large, simple outline of a coat on butcher paper.
- Encourage children to fill in the coat with the shapes to create a beautiful design.
- Introduce the Bible story

**What You Say:**

- *“Friends, come stand around the table with me. Look at this big coat. Let’s fill it in with the beautiful color shapes to make it really bright. (Pause.) I love seeing all the colors you chose and how you worked together to make this coat. Making clothes is hard but you did it! Great job! In our Bible Story today, we’re going to hear about a woman who helped make clothes for people.”*

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**9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 – 11:45 – LARGE GROUP**

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**Story Focus: I love like Jesus when I help others.** Tabitha loved Jesus and knew the most important thing Jesus taught us to do is to love people the way Jesus loves people. Tabitha was good at sewing so she helped by making clothes for people. Helping others was how she loved like Jesus. We can love like Jesus too!

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**9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP**

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**Love Helps**

**[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]**

*Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft*

**What You Need:** “Love Helps Coats and Blankets” and “Love Helps People” Activity Pages, white cardstock; cardstock in a variety of colors, scissors, and glue sticks

**What You Do:**

- Copy “Love Helps Coats and Blankets” on cardstock in a variety of colors and cut, four cutouts per child. Copy “Love Helps People” on cardstock, one per child. Lay the coat and blanket cutouts in the middle of the table with the glue sticks. Give each child a copy of “Love Helps People” and ask them to give each person on the page a coat and a blanket. Review the Bible Story as the children do the activity. Assist when needed. Review the Bottom Line.

**What You Say:**

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Come sit with me at the table.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
  - “In our story today, a woman named Tabitha loved like Jesus when she helped people. She made clothes for people who needed them. Tabitha loved like Jesus when she helped others. “Let’s practice loving like Jesus and help the people on your paper. *(Hold up people page.)* Make sure each person gets a coat *(hold up a coat cutout)* and a blanket. *(Hold up a blanket cutout.)* Rub the glue stick on the back of the cutout and stick the coat and blanket on the people. *(Pause.)* Did all the people on the page get a coat and a blanket? *(Pause.)* Good job! Helping others is a way you can love like Jesus!”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
  - “When we help others, we are loving like Jesus. You can help and I can help. You can love like Jesus and *[Bottom Line]* **I can love like Jesus!** Tell me: **Who can love like Jesus?** *[Bottom Line]* **I can love like Jesus!**”

### **When We Love Like Jesus . . .**

#### **[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]**

*Move: an activity that uses a preschooler’s natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** N/A

#### **What You Do:**

- Ask children to stand in a circle with you.
- Review the Memory Verse and motions together.
- Select a child to stand in the center of the circle.
- Lead the children in a version of “Ring Around the Rosie” with the words of the Memory Verse.
  - Include the child’s name who is standing in the center.
- Continue with each child.
- Say the Memory Verse with the motions one more time, and then review the Bottom Line.

#### **What You Say:**

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Friends, come stand in a circle with me. We’ve been learning a great verse from the Bible this month. Let’s say it together. ‘You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,’ (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- “Now, I have a fun game for us to play while we say our verse. [Child’s name], come stand in the center of the circle. Okay, everyone in the circle, hold hands and walk this way.
  - *When [child’s name] loves like Jesus,  
When [child’s name] loves like Jesus,  
she/he is, she/he is,  
the light of the world.*
- “Great job! Everyone, freeze and drop hands. Now, [child’s name] come join the circle and [child’s name] go stand in the center. *(Continue with each child.)* That was so fun!”
- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**
  - “Let’s say our verse one more time with the motions. ‘You *(point to others)* are the light *(twinkle fingers)* of the world,’ *(make a circle with your arms)* Matthew 5:14. *(Open hands like a book.)* Super-duper! Friends, you are a bright light when you love like Jesus. Jesus loves everyone and we can too! **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus!**”