

PRESCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2025

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

Have you ever been on a bus filled with people? There are grandparents, kids, teenagers, people going to the store, people going to work, people going to school. They may not know each other, but do you know what they all have in common? Jesus loves every one of them. Every. Single. One! Think about it this way: if Jesus was driving a bus, everyone would be invited to get on. EVERYONE!

This month, you get to tell preschoolers that Jesus loves them. Jesus loves their family. Jesus loves their friends.

Jesus loves everyone! And Jesus wants everyone to follow Him! So, crank up that bus! Get those wheels turning!

There is a great big world that needs to hear that Jesus loves everyone!

ONE	BIBLE STORY Peter, Andrew, James, and John Matthew 4:18-22	STORY FOCUS Jesus says, "Follow Me."
TWO	BIBLE STORY Matthew Matthew 9:9-10	STORY FOCUS Jesus loves everyone.
THREE	BIBLE STORY Philip and Nathanael John 1:43-49	STORY FOCUS I can tell my friends about Jesus.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY The Twelve Disciples* Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-10, 10:2-4; John 1:43-49	STORY FOCUS Jesus wants everyone to follow Him.

*Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"LOVE EACH OTHER IN THE SAME WAY I HAVE LOVED YOU." JOHN 15:12, NLT	WHO DOES JESUS LOVE?	JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.



Preschool Large Group February 2025 Week 2

STORY FOCUS:

Jesus loves everyone.

Matthew is a tax collector. That means his job is to collect money from people, but he takes more money than he should. That makes people very mad! But Jesus loves Matthew and wants to be his friend, so He tells Matthew: "Follow Me!" And Matthew follows Jesus! Jesus has dinner at Matthew's house and a lot of people show up. Some people ask, "Why would Jesus want to be friends with someone like Matthew?" Because **Jesus loves everyone.**

MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

John 15:12

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BIBLE TRUTH

Matthew 9:9-10

Jesus loves everyone.

NOTES

- All yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- You will do Big Group Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

SUPPLIES

None

SMALL GROUP

Kids will catch fish and review the story with questions.

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 2

1. Opener: Welcome kids, get them excited

2. Big Group Game:

- 3. Worship
- 4. Intro: Wheels on the Bus
- 5. Bible Lesson Video: Matthew
- 6. Application
 - a. Bottom line: Jesus loves everyone.
 - b. Memory verse: "Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12
- 7. Prayer
- 8. Small Groups

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OPENER

(Welcome kids)

Show Slide: Preschool Countdown

Friends! I'm so glad you all made it today! My name is (your name)! I can't to sing and worship our amazing God with you! God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! What a good, good friend! When I ask, "Who does Jesus love?" I want you to say, [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone!"

(Ask the group) "Who does Jesus love?" (Kids and leaders respond) [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone!"

Yes! Jesus loves everyone!

BIG GROUP GAME

WORSHIP

I'm SO excited to hear today's Bible story, but first let's worship! Everyone stand up, join in, and let's do our best singing and dancing, and let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Come On With Me

Show Worship: Jesus Loves Everyone, Everywhere

Great job, friends! Thanks for worshipping with me today! Now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (wiggle hands) so we can hear (cup hands behind ears) all about our Bible story!

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Wheels on the Bus

(Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down)

Today's true story from the Bible is about a man named Matthew. Jesus wanted to be friends with Matthew, but there were people that didn't understand why. Let's visit Ollie and our friends to hear more!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK2

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Wheels on the Bus

Jesus wanted to be friends with Matthew because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone! And that includes us! Jesus loves you (point to kids) and Jesus loves me (point to yourself). And Jesus wants to show us how to love everyone too.

(Ask the group) "Who does Jesus love?" (Kids and leaders respond) [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone!"

Bible Verse

Show Verse: John 15:12

(Open Bible) The Bible teaches us in John 15:12 that "Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

Let's learn our *Memory Verse* together. Everyone stand up! Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, then you can do it with me!

"Love (cross arms over chest)

Each other in the same way (point to others)

I have (point up)

Loved you." (cross arms over chest)

John 15:12 (open hands like a book)

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, etc.)

Great job, everybody! Now, let's sit, bow our heads, and close our eyes so we can pray.

(Have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

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PRAYER

Dear God, we are so thankful that Jesus loves everyone and wants to be our friend. Jesus was friends with Matthew and showed him how to love everyone. Help us love all the people around us too. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

Show Graphic: Small Group

And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's so much more to learn! Use our walking feet please and find your small group!