



WEEK FOUR – FEBRUARY 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *The Twelve Disciples* | *Matt. 4:18-22, 9:9-10, 10:2-4; John 1:43-49*

Key Question: *Who does Jesus love?*

Bottom Line: *Jesus loves everyone*

Memory Verse: *“Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”- John 15:12*

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

Series 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!

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

Opening Small Group Activity

Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: “Love People” Activity Page, cardstock, construction paper in a variety of colors, scissors, painters’ tape, and preschool push-cars

What You Do:

- Encourage children to ride or drive the push-cars to different hearts on the floor and tell the people inside the heart: “Jesus loves you.”
- Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, we have some very special friends inside the hearts on the floor. Will you all help me give them a very special message? *(Pause.)* Yay! Thank you!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Everyone, come and find a car and drive to one of the hearts on the floor. *(Pause.)* When you get there, tell the person in the heart our very special message. Tell our friends: ‘Jesus loves you.’ *(Pause.)* Then drive to another heart and tell another friend.” *(Repeat as desired.)*
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, we’re learning that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.** No matter who they are or where they come from! Let’s go hear a true story from the Bible about how Jesus loves everyone.”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: Jesus wants everyone to follow Him. Jesus chooses twelve disciples to follow Him. They come from different places and have different families and jobs. They are all different, but what is the same is that Jesus loves every one of them. The twelve disciples follow Jesus because Jesus loves everyone.

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

The Wheels on the Bus Verse

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

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

What You Need: “The Wheels on the Bus Verse” Activity Page, cardstock, happy-face stickers, and permanent marker

What You Do:

- Set an Activity Page at each spot at the table with the happy-face stickers nearby.
- Lead the children to repeat the Memory Verse together with the motions. : Invite children to find a spot at the table.
- Point out the Memory Verse on the paper and repeat it together.
- Encourage them to add happy-face stickers to the bus.
- Write each child’s name on their paper, and set the paper aside for pick up.
- Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- “Friends, we’ve been learning an awesome Memory Verse! Let’s do the motions as we say it together. ‘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.*) Great job, friends!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Now come find a spot at the table. What do you see on the page in front of you? (*Pause.*) A bus! That’s right. And here on the bus, it says our Memory Verse: ‘Love each other in the same way I have loved you.’ *John 15:12!* Jesus loves us and that makes me SO happy! Let’s add some happy-face stickers to the windows of our bus. (*Pause.*) Super-duper!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Jesus loved the disciples, and Jesus loves us, too, because ***[Bottom Line]*** Jesus loves everyone. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?** ***[Bottom Line]*** Jesus loves everyone. One more time! **Who does Jesus love?** ***[Bottom Line]*** Jesus loves everyone!”

No Matter What

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: Butcher paper; washable markers

What You Do:

- Lay a piece of butcher paper on the table.
- Gather the children around it.
- Encourage the children to list different jobs.
- As they call out their answers, write them down in large block letters or draw simple pictures to illustrate them on the butcher paper.
- Then, select a different-colored marker and call on the children to list different places to live.

- As they call out their answers, write them down in large block letters or draw simple pictures to illustrate them on the butcher paper.
- Once you've listed jobs and places, use a red marker to draw hearts around their answers as you remind the children that ***[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone**, no matter where they live or what they do!
- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come find a spot at table.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Can you name some jobs for me? Who has an idea for me? (*Help brainstorm ideas as needed.*) Those are great jobs! (*Write/draw each job given.*) Now, let's name some places we live. List some answers for me. (*Write/draw each place to live given.*) Wow! What a great list! Let's draw a heart around each of our answers because hearts remind us of love. (*Draw hearts around each child's answer.*) Look at all the love on our paper!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, no matter what we do and no matter where we live, the same thing is true! ***[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? *[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone!**”