



WEEK TWO – JULY 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Jesus Prays | John 17:1-26; 1 Timothy 2:1-3*

Key Question: *Who can do what Jesus says?*

Bottom Line: *I can do what Jesus says*

Memory Verse: *“Be kind and loving to each other.” – Ephesians 4:32, NCV*

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

Series Overview: This month, we will continue to live it out and discover how to love like Jesus with our preschoolers. Jesus showed us how to love in many ways as He helped people, was kind to them, forgave them, and was patient and gentle toward them. Jesus was consistently showing us what love looks like. There is another way we can learn how to love like Jesus and that is by doing what Jesus says. Jesus gave us very clear instructions on what to do, and then Jesus gave us the gift of His Holy Spirit to guide us and help us do it. That is why we want our preschoolers to learn that I can do what Jesus says . . . because they can! Preschoolers can do what Jesus says and show his love to everyone everywhere!

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: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather children together in an open space of your activity area.
- Play a fun game of Simon Says.
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hello, hello, friends! Come stand with me over here and spread out. I have a fun game for us to play today.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We are going to play Simon Says. When I say, ‘Simon says,’ everyone will do what I say. But be careful and listen closely because, if I don’t say, ‘Simon says,’ we won’t do it. *(Pause.)* Are you ready? Simon says clap your hands. *(Clap.)* Simon says jump up and down. *(Jump up and down.)* Jump on one leg. I didn’t say Simon says! Good job. *(Continue with fun actions like giving a friend a high five, turn around, sit down, wiggle, etc.)* You are great listeners, and you did what Simon says!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “In our Bible Story today, we’ll hear how we can do what Jesus says. Let’s go hear all about it!”

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

Story Focus: Pray for one another

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

People to Pray For

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: Butcher paper and washable markers

What You Do:

- Set the butcher paper on the table with markers.
- Write “People to Pray For” at the top.
- Encourage the children to gather around the table.
- Lead the children to name different people they could pray for.
- Write their answers on the butcher paper.
- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come find a spot at the table with me.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today, we talked about how we can pray for each other and do what Jesus says! Let’s name some people we can pray for. [Child’s name], tell me someone you can pray for. *(Pause for answer.)* That’s wonderful, I’ll write that on our paper. *(Pause.)* What about you, [child’s name]? Who can you pray for? *(Continue with each child.)* This is a great list!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We can love like Jesus by praying for each other. We can pray for our family. We can pray for our friends. We can pray for our teachers, doctors, and coaches. We can pray for *(read the list of the people*

listed on the butcher paper). We can pray for others and do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says!**”

Pass the Love

[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: Spring-loaded clothespins, and paper hearts in a variety of colors

What You Do:

- Sit in a circle with the children.
- Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.
- Give each child a clothespin and demonstrate how to open and close it.
- Practice with the children.
- Put the hearts in front of you.
- Clip one heart in your clothespin and explain that you will pass the heart around the circle from friend to friend.
- Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come sit on the floor in a circle with me. Let’s do the motions and say our new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,’ (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “I have a game for us to play where we can spread the love. (*Give each child a clothespin.*) These are clothespins. If you press the bottom like this, (*demonstrate*) the top will open. Give it a try. (*Pause.*) Okay, now let’s spread the love! I’m going to turn to the

friend next to me, [child's name], and pass the [color] heart. [Child's name] will pinch the heart with their clothespin and when they have it, I will pinch my clothespin and let it go. Then [child's name] will turn to the friend next to them and we'll keep going and going until it makes it back to me. Let's practice. (*Pinch a heart in your clothespin and pass it to the friend next to you.*) Here it comes. (*Help guide the process with your words.*) Great job, everyone! Let's do it again with this [color] heart!" (*Repeat as desired.*)

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “You helped each other play the game of passing the heart—passing the love—around our circle! Jesus loves everyone, and we can love everyone, too, because we can do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says.**”