



WEEK THREE – JULY 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Good Samaritan | Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 6:2*

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: Plush friend and a chair

What You Do:

- Encourage children to stand in a circle with you.
- Place the chair to the right of you in the circle, facing outward.
- Put the plush friend in the chair.
- Demonstrate how to play the game.
 - Pick up the plush friend and give it to the child to your left.
 - Explain that the plush will get quickly passed around the circle and placed in the chair while you run around the outside of the circle, trying to make it to the chair before the plush friend.
 - Stand at the end of the circle to the right of the chair and help children shift to the right toward beginning of the circle.
 - Continue until all the children have a turn.
- Repeat as desired.
- Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hey, friends! Let’s play a game. Come on over here, and let’s make a circle. *(Help children join hands and form a circle. Place the chair in between you and the child to the right of you, facing outward.)* I’m going to put this chair in between me and [child’s name], *(place chair facing out)* and place this plush friend in it. We are going to play a game to help this friend move around the circle!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- “Watch me and I’ll show you how to play our game. I’m going to pick up the plush from the chair and pass it to the friend next to me. *(Pick up the plush and pass it to the child next to you on the left.)* You need to pass our plush friend around the circle and put it in the chair before I can run around the outside of the circle and get back to the chair. Ready to try it? Pass the plush, and I’ll run! *(Run slowly around the circle while children pass the plush.)* Ah! You guys got our friend to the chair before me! Good job! You got it! *(Help shift children to the right and stand to the right of the chair.)* Let’s play! [Child’s name], are you ready? Pick up the plush friend, pass it to the friend next to you, then run while we pass it around the circle! *(Help direct children as needed.)* Yay! Everyone, take a step in that direction *(point)* and [child’s name] you’ll stand here on this side of the chair. *(Continue until every child has a chance to run the circle. Repeat as desired.)* Friends, that was so fun helping our plush friend!”

- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**

- “Today in our Bible Story, we’re going to hear how we can care for others! I can’t wait to hear all about it—let’s go!”

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

Story Focus: Care for one another

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

Memory Verse Toss

[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: heart shaped pillow

What You Do:

- Ask children to sit in a circle with you.
- Review the Memory Verse and motions.
- Say the verse, call a child’s name, and toss the heart-shaped pillow to them.
- Ask child to toss the heart-shaped pillow back to you.
- Continue with each child.
 - Repeat as desired.
- Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hi, friends! Come sit with me in a circle. I have a fun game for us to play that will help us learn our Memory Verse. But first, let’s practice saying our verse with the motions. Ready? ‘Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest like a hug*) to each other,’ (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Awesome job, everyone!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Now let’s play a game. I’ll say the verse and name someone, like: ‘Be kind and loving to . . . [child’s name],’ and then I’ll toss the heart pillow to them. Then they’ll toss the heart pillow back, and we’ll do it again with another friend until we’ve all had a turn. Are you ready? Let’s start! ‘Be kind and loving to . . . [child’s name].’ (*Toss the heart pillow to that child.*) Catch the heart pillow! Great job! Toss it back. (*Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.*) Wow! You all did such an amazing job saying our verse and being kind and loving to each other!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s say the verse and do the motions one more time together. ‘Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest like a hug*) to each other,’ (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Jesus teaches us to be kind and loving, and when we do, we are doing what Jesus says! So, let me ask you: **Who can do what Jesus says?** (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! [**Bottom Line**] **I can do what Jesus says!**”

Packing List

[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 and the markers on the table.
- Draw the outline of an open suitcase on the butcher paper.
- Gather the children around the table.
- Call on the children one at a time to name something they might pack if they were going on a trip.
- Draw a simple picture or write the name of the item inside the outline of the suitcase.
 - Continue until every child has a chance to share.
 - Continue as time and interest allow.
- Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come gather around the table. Have you ever been on a trip? *(Pause.)* So fun! When you go on a trip, you have to pack the things you need to take with you.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s name some things you might pack, and I’ll add them to our suitcase! [Child’s name], what would you pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* That’s a great idea. Let’s draw a picture of that right here. *(Pause.)* [Child’s name], what would you pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* That’s smart! Let’s draw a picture of that in our suitcase. *(Continue with each child.)* So, we’ve packed *(name all the items in the suitcase)*. What else could we pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* Great job! We got lots of great things packed in our suitcase. I think we’re ready for a trip!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*

- “The man in our Bible Story was walking along the road when some people hurt him. Two men walked by and did not stop to help. But the third man DID stop to help. The third man was a good friend and cared for the hurt man. Jesus told this story because He wants us to go and care for others in the same way. There are lots of ways we can do what Jesus says and care for others. **Who can do what Jesus says?** *[Bottom Line]* **I can do what Jesus says!**”