



## WEEK THREE – JULY 2025 – TODDLERS

**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!

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## LARGE GROUP

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### Story Time

*Gather children at the tables to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!*

**What You Need:** Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and washable markers

### What You Say:

“Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Jesus. (*Draw a simple stick man “Jesus.”*) Jesus told stories to help teach us important things—like how to care for others.

“Today’s story is about a man who was walking down the road when some people hurt him and took his money. (*Draw a simple hurt stick man on the ground.*) He’s hurt and needs help! Here comes someone . . . oh, he walked right by the hurt man. (*Draw a simple stick man walking by the hurt man.*) Here comes another person . . . he didn’t stop either! (*Draw a 2<sup>nd</sup> simple stick man walking by the hurt man.*) Oh no! But wait! There’s someone else coming. This man stopped! He helped bandage the hurt man’s boo-boos! (*Draw a simple stick man bandaging the hurt man.*) Then he helped the hurt man onto his donkey and took him somewhere safe to get all better! (*Draw a simple stick man next to the simple stick bandaged man on a simple stick donkey.*) He cared for the hurt man. You can do what Jesus says and care for others! When you give someone a hug when they’re sad or share a snack when they’re hungry, you are doing what Jesus says! **[Bottom Line] You can do what Jesus says.**”

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## SMALL GROUP

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### Memory Verse With Motions

#### [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:

- Say the memory verse and teach the motions to the children
- Repeat the verse with the motions and invite the children to do it with you.
- Repeat several times.
- Review the Bottom Line.

#### What You Say:

- **BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**
  - “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-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.)*
- **DURING THE ACTIVITY**
  - “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘Be kind and loving.’ *(Cross hands over chest.)* Give yourself a hug, *(hug yourself)* and say: ‘Be kind and loving.’ *(Repeat with children.)* Great job!
  - “The next part of our verse says: ‘To each other.’ *(Spread arms out.)* Put both arms out to your side like this *(stretch arms out to your side)* and say: ‘To each other.’ *(Repeat with children.)* Wonderful! Now let’s put that together. ‘Be kind and loving *(cross hands over chest)* to each other,’ *(spread arms out)* Great job!

- “Now the last part is: ‘Ephesians 4:32.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you, open them like you’re opening a book, (*open hands like a book*) and say: ‘Ephesians 4:32’ (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we’re ready to do it all together! Ready, friends? ‘Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,’ (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
  - “The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves everyone, and we can too because we can do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says?** [*Bottom Line*] **I can do what Jesus says.”**

### **Craft Time**

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.*

*Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.*

*Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.*

**What You Need:** “Bandage the Boo-Boos” Activity Page, cardstock, character band-aids, and a permanent marker

### **What You Do:**

- Write each child’s name on their paper.
- Encourage children to add their bandage to the hurt man on their paper.

### **What You Say:**

*“Look at your picture. That’s the hurt man with all the boo-boos from our story.*

*Let’s do what Jesus says and care for him. I have a special bandage you can put on his boo-boos to help him feel better. (Unwrap th bandage.)Stick the bandage on your picture. (Pause.) Oh, yay! You helped the hurt man feel better! Good job!*

*[Bottom Line] You can do what Jesus says.”*