



## WEEK FOUR – 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, Little People® figures, toy donkey, and white crepe paper streamers

### 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. Jesus told stories to help teach us important things—like how to care for others.

“There was a man who was walking down the road (*walk a figure in front of you, then stop*) when some people hurt him and took his money. (*Walk two other people figures up, and knock the first man down.*) He’s hurt and needs help! Here comes someone . . . (*walk a figure by the hurt man*) Oh, he walked right by the hurt man! Here comes another person . . . (*walk another figure by the hurt man*) He didn’t stop either! Oh no! But wait, there’s someone else coming. (*Walk a figure up to the hurt man.*) He stopped! He helped bandage the hurt man’s boo-boos! (*Wrap the hurt man with the streamers.*) Then he helped the hurt man onto his donkey (*hold the hurt man on top of the donkey and walk them away*) and took him somewhere safe to get all better! He cared for the hurt man. He did what Jesus says! 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:** “Heart in the Hand” Activity Page, cardstock, washable ink pads, 2-inch foam heart stickers, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

### **What You Do:**

- Help children cover one of their hands with ink and press it on their paper.
- Clean hand.
- Peel the backing off the heart stickers and ask children to stick it in the middle of their handprint.

### **What You Say:**

*“Jesus told a story to teach us to care for others. When you care for someone, you are loving like Jesus. [**Bottom Line**] **You can do what Jesus says** by giving someone a hug when they’re sad or sharing a snack when someone is hungry. Let’s cover your hand with ink and press it on your paper to make your sweet handprint. (Pause. Clean hand.) I have something for you to add to your handprint . . . (hold*

*up the foam heart) a heart! Hearts mean love! When you care for others, you are loving like Jesus and doing what Jesus says. [Bottom Line] You can do what Jesus says.”*