



WEEK ONE – FEBRUARY 2026 – TODDLERS

Bible Story: *The Lost Sheep* | *Luke 15:3-7*

Bottom Line: *Jesus loves you.*

Memory Verse: *Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” (Matthew 19:14 NLT)*

Series Overview: There’s nothing sweeter than knowing that Jesus loves you. It’s the sweetest treat we could ever receive, and it’s for every single one of us! His love brings joy to our hearts, peace to our minds, and reminds us that we are never alone. So all month long, we are telling preschoolers Bible stories that show them how much Jesus loves them. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said: “Let the children come to me” (NLT). These words remind us that Jesus wants to be close to every child, no matter who they are or where they live. Our prayer is that every preschooler will know deep in their heart that Jesus loves me. From welcoming children into His arms, to searching for the lost, to spending time with friends, and forgiving those who have done wrong—Jesus shows us again and again that He loves us. And preschoolers need to know that Jesus loves them right now, just as they are, and that His love will never go away. So, let’s pray for our

preschoolers, that they will know Jesus' love is the sweetest thing in the world and that it will be with them forever. Let's help them grow up always remembering: Jesus loves me.

LARGE GROUP

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: N/A

What You Say:

"Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm so happy to see you today!

What animal makes this sound? Baaaa! Baaaa! (make a sheep sound) That's right, it's a sheep!

Show Video: Bible Story

Jesus loves people like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus comes after us to bring us close. Jesus loves everyone, including you and me!

[Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me." Say that with me!

(Kids and leaders respond) **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus loves me."

(Open Bible) Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible.

Let's learn this together! Everyone, stand up! Are you ready? Let's watch the motions, then we can do them all together!

Show Video: Memory Verse Motions

Show Verse: Matthew 19:14

‘Jesus said *(tap finger to middle of each palm)*

“Let the children *(point to self)*

Come to me,” *(Move hands toward self)*

Matthew 19:14 *(open hands like a book)*

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, etc.)

Great job, everybody! Now, let’s sit down, bow our heads, and close our eyes and talk to God because He loves us!

(Have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold their hands, and close their eyes.)

PRAYER TIME

“Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. Help us remember that we can always talk to you—anytime, anywhere, and about anything. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

SMALL GROUP

SEE & SHARE

What You Need: Sheep

What You Do:

- Give each kid a sheep.
- Hide your sheep with your hands. *(demonstrate covering sheep with both hands)*
“Where is the sheep? There he is!” *(uncover the sheep)*
- Hide your sheep on your head. *(demonstrate)* “Where is the sheep? There he is!”
(hold up the sheep in the air)
- Hide your sheep under your legs? *(demonstrate)* Where is the sheep? There he is!
(hold up the sheep in the air)

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- Continue with other places—behind the back , on the shoulder, etc...
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What You Say:

“Look at this sheep. What sound does a sheep make? Baa! Make that sound with me! Baaa!”

“Hide your sheep with your hands. (demonstrate covering sheep with both hands) Where is the sheep? There he is! (uncover the sheep)

Hide your sheep on your head. (demonstrate) Where is the sheep? There he is! (hold up the sheep in the air)

Hide your sheep under your legs? (demonstrate) Where is the sheep? There he is!” (hold up the sheep in the air)

Continue with other places—behind the back , on the shoulder, etc...

“Let’s sing this song together and your sheep can dance! (to “Mary Had a Little Lamb”):

🎵 Jesus loves the little sheep,
Little sheep, little sheep,
Jesus loves the little sheep,
He loves me so much! 🎵”

