



## WEEK THREE – FEBRUARY 2026 – PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story:** *Mary and Martha | Luke 10:38-42*

**Key Question:** *Who loves you?*

**Bottom Line:** *Jesus loves me.*

**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.

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**9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY**

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**OPENING ACTIVITY**

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Tell the kids we are going to get busy! Tell the kids to listen for the movement you call out and then we'll all do it together.
- "Let's be busy and run in place!" (Run in place with the kids.)
- "Okay stop. Wow! You were all so busy running all around."
- "This time let's be busy jumping." (Jump with the children.)
- "Okay stop. Wow! You were all so busy jumping up and down!"
- "Let's be busy and clap our hands!" (Clap with the children.)
- "Okay stop. Wow! You were all so busy clapping."
- (Continue with different movements.)

**What You Say:**

"We were so busy doing all those different movements and actions now we need to stop so we can go hear today's true story from the Bible. Let's go!"

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

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**Story Focus:** Martha welcomes Jesus into her home and busies herself with

preparations, while her sister Mary sits and listens to Jesus teach. Martha is upset and asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her, but Jesus gently tells her that Mary has chosen what is better—spending time with Him. Jesus reminds Martha—and us—that being with Him is more important than doing things for Him.

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

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## **LACING HEARTS**

**[Hear from God | Memory Verse Review]**

**What You Need:** Heart Cutouts; Yarn; Coloring Supplies

### **What You Do:**

- Give each child a heart.
- Encourage kids to color & decorate the hearts
- Show how to lace the string in and out of the holes around the edge.
- As children lace their heart, lead them in saying the Memory Verse.
- **“Let the children come to me” (Matthew 19:14 NIV)**

### **What You Say:**

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Friends, come join me over here and let’s do the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. Ready? It goes like this. ‘Jesus said (tap finger to middle of each palm) “Let the children (point to children) come to me,”’ (move hands toward self) Matthew 19:14. (Open hands like a book.) Great job everyone! I have something special for us to do with our time today that will help us practice our verse.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- (Hold up a lacing heart.) “What shape is this? (Pause for responses.) That’s right! It’s a heart! Hearts make us think of love! Who loves you? **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!** That’s right! Jesus loves you and wants you to come to Him. We are going to practice saying the words of our Memory Verse together as you weave the yarn in and out of the holes of your heart. Ready? *‘Jesus said: “Let the children come to me”’ (Matthew 19:14 NIV)*. Keep lacing and saying it with me! (Repeat as desired.) Look at all these beautiful hearts! They remind us that Jesus loves us and wants us to be close to Him.”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
  - Look at all these beautiful hearts! They remind us that Jesus loves us and wants us to be close to Him. The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves us and wants us to be near Him. Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” That means you, and you, and you, and you! (Point to each child)? **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**

## **PRAYER TIME**

### **What You Say:**

“Let’s pray together!”

*“Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere. I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*