

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: Bible; Butcher Paper; 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 when Jesus was teaching people (draw stick figure Jesus and lots of stick people) about God and God's love. (Draw a heart around Jesus and the people.) Jesus told those people a story about a shepherd (draw a picture of a stick figure shepherd) and his sheep. (Draw lots of loopy sheep next to the shepherd.) The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, (draw a heart around the sheep then draw one loopy sheep a little bit away from the other drawings) so he went to look for the one lost sheep. (Draw the stick shepherd next to the sheep.) When he found it, the shepherd was so excited! He carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

“Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. (Draw a great big heart then say child's name as you draw a smiley face for that child.) Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!**”

PRAYER TIME

Have the kids close their eyes and you say a prayer.

SMALL GROUP

CRAFT TIME FOR 2'S

What You Need: “Fill The Heart” Activity Page; Crayons

What You Do:

- Hand out the activity page, 1 for each kid.
- Have the kids color their pages!

What You Say:

“Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had a lot of sheep. But one day, one of his sheep went missing! The shepherd left all his other sheep to look for the lost one. The shepherd found the lost sheep! **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you like the shepherd loved his sheep.**”

