



Today's Bible Story: Matthew's Dinner • Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32 **Jesus never stops caring.**

Key Question: Who does Jesus care about?

Bottom Line: Jesus cares about everyone.

Memory Verse: "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." • Ephesians 3:18
NIV

Notes

- *Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.*
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues.*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
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WORSHIP

- I Get Down
- Everyone, Everywhere



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Large Group Week 5

WELCOME

Hi friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! It's my favorite time of the week because worshipping with you is my very favorite thing! Jesus loves you and loves me so very much!

WORSHIP

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We can sing to Jesus and tell Him we love Him because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Everyone, stand up, join in, and do your best singing and dancing!

Show Worship: I Get Down

Show Worship: Everyone, Everywhere

Thanks for worshipping with me! Sit right down!

INTRO and GAME

Today's true story from the Bible is about a man named Matthew. He was a follower of Jesus.

Let's play a game to help us get ready for our story. Let's play 'Follow the Leader'! I'll be the leader. I do an action, and you will follow. Do the same thing I do. Ready? Let's play!

Do what I do!

Lead kids through different actions. Start and end with sitting actions.

Action ideas:

Tap your legs

Nod your head

Stand up and stand on 1 foot

Clap your hands

March in place

Reach up high

Spin in a circle
Touch your knees
Squat down and touch the floor
Sit crisscross and close your eyes

Great job! Way to follow!

Now sit right down and shake the wiggles out (**wiggle hands**) so we can hear (**cup hands behind ears**) what the story's all about! Let's visit Ollie and our friends at the clubhouse and hear our true story from the Bible! (**hold up Bible**)

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

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Wow! Jesus heard what the leaders were saying, and He told them that He wants everyone to follow Him. Jesus loved Matthew and his friends, even though they had done wrong things. Jesus loves us, too, no matter what. He will never stop caring for us!

[Bottom Line] "Jesus cares about everyone." Say that with me!
(Kids and leaders respond) **[Bottom Line] "Jesus cares about everyone."**

Bible Verse

(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: Ephesians 3:18

"How wide (**hold arms out wide**)
and long (**hold arms open up and down**)
and high (**jump up high with hands in the air**)
and deep (**crouch low with hands down**)
is the love of Christ." (**cross arms over chest**)

Ephesians 3:18 (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, close our eyes, and bow our heads. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

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

PRAYER

Dear God, it is so amazing that Jesus cares about everyone and wants to be their friend forever. Help us care about everyone the way you want us to. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

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And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's so much more to learn! Please use your walking feet and find your small group.