

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: Jesus Forgives a Woman • John 8
Jesus loves me no matter what.

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Memory Verse: *Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."* • Matthew 19:14 NLT

Supplies NOT Included in the Activity Bags

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Set out some table activities on the tables for the kids to interact with. Playdoh, pattern blocks, etc

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse Activity- Follow the Arrows

- Floor tape

Bible Story Review-Draw God's Love

- Little People- Woman, Man and variety of others

Application Activity- Love Overflows

- Write the following on allergy poster: vinegar, food coloring, cake ice cream cones, baking soda (none will be eaten just out)
- Tray from Bible story materials for science experiment

Craft - Draw God's Love

- White glue
- Bucket or trash can
- Baby wipes for hands or sink

Bible Story Summary

Jesus is teaching when a group of people brings Him a woman who was caught doing something wrong. The people want to know if Jesus will keep God's rules or show God's love. Jesus tells them that anyone without sin can punish the woman, and one by one, they all leave. Jesus tells the woman to do what God wants her to do, but He does not punish her. Jesus shows us that God sent Him to love and forgive us, because Jesus loves us no matter what!

Lesson Activities

1. Memory Verse Activity- Follow the Arrows

What You Need:

- "Follow the Arrows" Activity Page
- Painter's tape

What You Do:

Arrange the arrows on the floor in different directions and tape to secure. Do the motions as you say the Memory Verse together.

Encourage children to jump facing the direction of the arrows and at the end of the arrows line, say and do the motions to the Memory Verse. Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come let's say our Memory Verse together as we do the motions. Are we ready? Here we go! '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.*) Super-duper! Look at all these arrows on the floor. We are going to jump and face the way the arrow is pointing. You can jump from one arrow to the other until you get to the end and then we will say our verse together."

During the Activity: "[Child's Name] you can start jumping. (Pause.) Great job! You made it to the end. Let's say the verse together. '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. Now it's your turn [child's name]! (Continue with each child.) Woo-hoo! We did it! Let's say our verse and do the motions together one more time. '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. Great job!"

After the Activity: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves us no matter what. Just like Jesus loved the woman in our story even though she did something that God didn't want her to do. Jesus wants us to come near Him because He loved them, and He loves us too. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Instead of jumping, walk, roll, move to follow the arrows.

2. Bible Story Review- Draw God's Love

*Depending on your group for the day will decide the best way to do this. You can do it in small groups or all at once depending on your crowd. If the crowd won't handle even small groups do it as a demonstration with only the leader in control of sand.

What You Need:

- Shallow bin for each child and Leader
- Play sand
- Popsicle stick
- Little People® figures- Man and woman and then some for a crowd

What You Do:

Set up a sand tray with a popsicle stick for each kid and leader.

Use the Little People® figures to retell the story: place Jesus in the middle, then add the woman and the crowd around her. Act out the crowd bringing the woman to Jesus and show how Jesus wrote in the sand with a stick. Encourage the children to copy Him by drawing lines, shapes, or letters in the sand. Next, let the crowd figures leave one by one until only Jesus and the woman are left, showing love and forgiveness.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have a fun way for us to review today's Bible Story. Come over and sit with me."

During the Activity: (Walk the Jesus figure to the middle of the tray.) "Here's Jesus teaching. Uh oh, some people brought a woman to Jesus. (Walk a couple men with the woman to Jesus.) They wanted to punish her. Let's put her here. (Put the woman next to Jesus.) But what did Jesus do? Yes! He sat down and wrote in the sand. Let's write in the sand like Jesus! (Draw a line in the sand.) One by one, the people left. (Remove the crowd figures.) Who was left? (Pause for answers.) Just Jesus and the woman. And Jesus loved her."

After the Activity: "Jesus taught people about God, how God loves them, and how God wants them to love others. The people who brought the woman to Him wanted her to be punished. So, Jesus stood up and told the people: 'If you have never done anything wrong ... If you have always done everything that God wants you to do ... then you can punish her.' And then Jesus sat back down and started writing on the ground again. One by one, the people left. No one stayed ... because they knew they had all done things God didn't want them to do. Soon, there were not any people there to punish the woman. Everyone left.

"Jesus loved the woman and told her: 'Go and do what God wants you to do, because God loves you!' God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Jesus loves everyone!"

3. Application Activity- Love Overflows*

[Demonstration of the activity](#)

What You Need:

- “Allergy Alert Poster”
- Cake (flat bottom) ice cream cones
- trays
- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Food coloring
- Heart sprinkles
- Disposable cups
- Plastic spoons

What You Do:

Before Class:

1. List ice cream cones, baking soda, vinegar, food coloring, and heart sprinkles on the Allergy sign at the door.
2. Make a small cup of vinegar and a couple drops of food coloring stirred together. Place off to the side out of the reach of kids.

During the Activity:

1. Scoop a spoonful of baking soda into each cone and stand on a tray
2. Pour/spoon vinegar in the cone and watch as it bubbles and overflows. Then, have them sprinkle heart sprinkles into the lava as it flows out.
3. Remind children that God’s love never stops. Repeat the activity as time allows so the children can see and remember God’s overflowing love again.

What You Say:

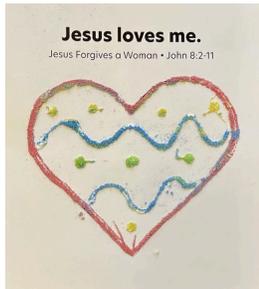
Before the Activity: “Who’s ready to do a science experiment? *(Pause for responses.)* Let’s make something overflow. We’re going to make a volcano, but not just any volcano. This volcano will remind us of God’s overflowing love!”

During the Activity: “We have an ice cream cone on this plate with some baking soda inside. We are going to spoon some of this liquid into your cone and watch what happens. *(Pause.)* WOW! It’s bubbling over, just like God’s love for us. Let’s add some of these hearts. *(Pause.)* Look, there’s more and more love pouring out! That’s so amazing!”

After the Activity: “Jesus is God’s Son, and He taught people about God, how God loves them, and how God wants them to love others. Jesus loved the woman in our Bible Story, and Jesus loves you too!

Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves you.”

5. Craft- Sand Heart Art



What You Need:

- “Sand Heart Art” Activity Page
- Craft glue or white glue
- Play sand in a variety of colors
- Trash can or bucket to shake extra sand off in
- butcher paper
- Baby wipes
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

Write each child’s name on their paper.

Encourage children to trace the heart with glue. Ask children to shake sand over the glue. Shake off the excess sand. Encourage children to fill in the center of the heart with glue and ask children to add other colors of sand on the inside then shake off the excess. Set aside to dry and clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, I am so happy to see you today! Come find a place to sit at the table.”

During the Activity: “I have a super cool picture for you to create today! Look at your paper. What big shape do you see in the middle of your paper? *(Pause for response.)* That’s right! It’s a big heart! Hearts make us think of love and tell me; **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** That’s right! And that’s what these words say on your paper! Follow/trace the lines of the heart with glue. *(Pause.)* Great! Scoop up some sand and sprinkle it over the glue lines. *(Make sure all the glue is covered well. Gently shake off the excess.)* Now add some glue inside your heart. You can make squiggles, or other shapes or completely cover the inside with glue. *(Pause.)* Great! Sprinkle some sand over the glue. *(Pause.)* Let’s shake off the extra sand to reveal your beautiful hearts. *(Make sure all the glue is covered well. Gently shake off the excess.)* Wow! These look amazing. We’ll let your papers dry, and then you can take them home.” *(Clean hands as needed.)*

After the Activity: “Jesus taught people about God, how God loves them, and how God wants them to love others. In today’s true story from the Bible, Jesus was teaching when some people brought a woman to Him. They wanted her to be punished. She had done something God didn’t want her to do, and they wanted to know if Jesus would keep God’s rules or show God’s love. Jesus loved the woman and told her: ‘Go and do what God wants you to do, because God loves you!’ Jesus showed the people that He really wanted to keep God’s rules and show God’s love. God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Jesus loves everyone!”

5. Journal and Prayer

What You Need:

- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen
- Reward stickers or handstamps

What You Do:

Encourage children to link arms with a friend as you walk to your Small Group spot together. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Memory Verse and hand motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of places we can spend time with Jesus.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “It’s Small Group time! Today we’re going to link arms with a friend like this (*demonstrate*) while we walk to our Small Group spot. Link arms with someone and follow me! (*Link arms with one or two children as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) That was fun! Now let’s sit down so we can talk about today’s Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!”

During the Activity: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) “In our Bible Story today, we learned that Jesus loves us no matter what! Jesus was teaching a crowd of people about God when some people brought a woman to Him to be punished. She had made a lot of bad choices. They wanted to know if Jesus would keep God’s rules or show God’s love. Jesus loved the woman and told her: ‘Go and do what God wants you to do, because God loves you!’ Jesus showed the people that He really wanted to keep God’s rules and show God’s love. God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Jesus loves everyone!**”

“The Bible verse we are learning says, ‘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.*) Let’s stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! ‘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.*) Yay! (*Clap.*) That was fantastic! Let’s sit down so anyone who wants to say that Bible verse can give it a try. I have my stickers ready! (*Give each child the opportunity to try and say the Bible verse.*) Everyone, clap for [child’s name]! Here is your sticker! (*Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.*)

“I am very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse! When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/handstamp. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

“Now, let’s sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Jesus loved the woman even though she had done things that God didn’t want her to do because Jesus loves everyone. Sometimes people make bad choices, but we can love them like Jesus loves us. Have you ever played at the park, and someone jumped in front of you and took your turn swinging on the swings? Or maybe someone knocked you down when you were playing tag? Those aren’t very nice

things, but we can still love those people like Jesus loves us. Let's make a list of people or different times you loved like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one person or a time you loved like Jesus, and I will write them in our journal." *(Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

After the Activity: (Hold up journal.) "This is such a good list! Let's use this list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus not to punish us, but to show us how much You love us! Please help us love *(read the names in the journal)* like Jesus loves us. Jesus loves you, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me**, Jesus loves everyone, and so should we. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."