

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

Memory Verse Activity

Bible Story Review- Loved, Always

Move and Remember

Craft- How Sweet

- Crayons
- Permanent marker
- gluesticks

1. Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? 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.*)

During the Activity: “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘Jesus said.’ (*Tap finger to middle of each palm.*) Put one hand out straight in front of you with your palm up, like this, (*extend one arm in front of you, palm up*) and touch the center of your palm with the middle finger of the opposite hand. Then, switch hands, put the other hand straight in front of you, and tap the center of that palm with the middle finger of the opposite hand like this, (*tap middle finger in the center of the outstretched palm, then repeat with the other hand*) and say: ‘Jesus said.’ (*Tap finger to middle of each palm.*) (*Repeat with children.*) Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘Let the children.’ (*Point to children.*) Get your pointer fingers ready and point to all our friends like this (*point to children*) and say, ‘Let the children.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Wonderful! Now let’s put that together. ‘Jesus said (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) ‘Let the children.’ (*point to children*) Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘Come to me.’ (*Move hands toward self.*) Put both hands out and wave them towards yourself like this (*wave hands toward self like motioning to come close*) and say, ‘Come to me.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Nice job! Now let’s put that together. ‘Jesus said (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) ‘Let the children (*point to children*) come to me’ (*move hands toward self*).

“Now the last part is: ‘Matthew 19:14.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say: Matthew 19:14 (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready friends? ‘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.*) Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves all children, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever! That’s such an awesome thing, Jesus loves you (*point to children*) and [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. That’s right! This time when I ask, I want you to say it loud and proud. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**”

2. Bible Story Review- Loved, Always

What You Need:

- “Loved, Always” Activity Page
- Copy paper
- Red or pink posterboard
- Sad face stickers
- Glue stick

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Take the large heart and glue the picture of Jesus to one side. Cut the stickers apart, one for each child.

During the Activity: Review the story with the large heart, blank side towards children, and ask each child to place their sad face sticker on the heart. Once all the stickers are placed and you get to the end of the story, turn the heart around to show Jesus.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come sit with me on the floor. Today we are going to review our story with this... *(hold up the heart, blank side towards children)* it’s a great big ... heart! That’s right, and hearts make us think of love!”

During the Activity: “Before we get started, I have a sticker for everyone. *(Give each child a sticker.)* It’s a sad face sticker. That makes me think of the woman in our story. Some people brought the woman in front of Jesus and told Him what she did and how she should be punished. They wanted to know if Jesus would keep God’s rules or show God’s love. *(Hold up the heart.)* Jesus sat down and wrote on the ground with His finger.

“The woman was sad and afraid. The people were being very mean to her and wanted her to be punished. She really had done something God didn’t want her to do, but they were not showing any of God’s love to the woman. That’s very sad. I want you to stick your sad face stickers on this big heart. *(Pause.)* But Jesus loved the woman. Jesus loves everyone! *(Turn the heart over to the Jesus side.)* Jesus told them that if they had never done anything wrong, and always done what God wanted them to do, then they could punish her. Then Jesus sat back down and continued to write on the ground with His finger. One by one, the people left and there were not any people there to punish the woman. So Jesus said to the woman ‘Go and do what God wants you to do, because God loves you!’ Jesus showed the people that He really wanted to both keep God’s rules and show God’s love.”

After the Activity: “Friends, God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. Jesus loved the woman, and Jesus loves you too! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Jesus loves everyone!**”

3. Move and Remember

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask children to join you in an open area of the room and spread out for large movements.

During the Activity: Encourage children to move and review the Bottom Line.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends come over here and spread out. Make sure you can put your hands out without touching or bumping into the friends next to you.”

During the Activity: “Okay! I’m going to call out an action and I want you to do it. Let’s get ready to move! Everybody jump! *(Pause.)* Jesus loves you! Everybody climb! *(Pause.)* Jesus loves you! Everybody clap! *(Pause.)* Jesus loves you! *(Continue with movements like wiggle, crawl, run, wave your hands, touch your head, etc.)* Everybody freeze! *(Pause.)* Now tell me, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** That’s right! Okay, last movement! Everybody give yourself a hug! *(Pause.)* Hooray! Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**”

After the Activity: “Great job moving and remembering that Jesus loves you! Let me ask you one more time. Friends, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Yes, He does!”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Select movements so all children can participate.

4. Craft- How Sweet



What You Need:

- “How Sweet Sticker” Activity Page
- Plain paper plates
- Paper smoothie straws (plastic can also be used, but may partially melt)
- Crayons
- gluesticks
- Heart stickers
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on the back of their plate.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their plate to look like a lollipop and add heart stickers. Ask children to place their “How Sweet Sticker” in the center of the plate.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come join me at the table and let’s create something super sweet to help us remember that Jesus loves us no matter what.”

During the Activity: “Let’s turn these plates into lollipops! Use the markers and the heart stickers to decorate your plates. *(Pause.)* Wow! These are fantastic! Let’s add one more sticker. It’s Jesus! And the words on the sticker say **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me**. Put this sticker right in the middle of your plate. *(Pause.)* Great job! Hold your lollipops up in the air and tell me, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** How sweet!”

After the Activity: “Jesus taught people about God, how God loves them, and how God wants them to love others. One day while Jesus was teaching, 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!"