2-4 Year-Olds

February — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable

SUNDAY school

10 Minutes
FREE PLAY
SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes
PRAISE & WORSHIP
LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes
MOVE ACTIVITY
LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes
BIBLE STORY
IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes
MEMORY VERSE
ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes
CREATE ACTIVITY
CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes
SNACK TIME
PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes
HOME TIME
PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH

Bible Story
Jesus loves children.
Jesus and the Children
Mark 10:13-16

Key Question
Who loves you?

Bottom Line
Jesus loves me.

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

Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

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MOVE ACTIVITY

Jesus Loves You

What You Need:

- Pop-up tunnel

Inclusive Pro Tips

Select moves that are suitable for everyone in the group. Movements can be done sitting if that is best for the group.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set the tunnel in an open area.

During the Activity: Call children by name to come through the tunnel. Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: MOve to Worship by calling each child to line up by saying [child's name], Jesus loves you! Then giving each child a high five.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Oh wow friends, look! We get to play with the tunnel today! Come stand on this side of the tunnel, and I'll stand on the other side."

During the Activity: (Lean down and peak through the tunnel and wave at the children.) "Well hello over there! I'm going to call you one by one and when you hear your name, crawl to me through the tunnel. Ready to listen for your name? (Pause for response.) Great! Let's play! [Child's name], Jesus loves you! Crawl through the tunnel. (Pause.) Great job you came to me! High five! (Give child a high five.) [Child's name], Jesus loves you! Crawl through the tunnel. (Pause.) Woo-hoo! High-five for you! (Continue with each child.) That was so much fun!"

After the Activity: "When you heard your name, you came to me. In today's Bible Story, we'll hear about when Jesus wanted the little children to come to Him. Jesus loves all children that means you, and you, and you, and you too! Let's go hear all about it!"

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Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

- Hear from God
- Pray to God
- Talk about God
- Live for God

What You Need

- [ ] No Supplies Needed

Inclusive Pro Tips

Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.

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CREATE ACTIVITY

Sweet Treats

What You Need:

- Popsicles
- Jesus cutouts
- Foam hearts
- Dot stickers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their popsicles and Jesus. Ask children to put one Jesus cutout and a handful of foam hearts inside their popsicle. Help each child close up the top by folding one top edge over the other.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, hello sweet friends! I have a super fun activity for you today! You are going to make a paper sweet treat, with a super sweet surprise inside."

During the Activity: "What does this remind you of? (Hold up a popsicle.) Yes! It's a popsicle, but not one we can eat, this is a popsicle you can decorate! Wow, your popsicles look super sweet, but we aren't finished yet! I have a picture of Jesus and a whole bunch of hearts for you to put inside. (Pause.) Hearts make us think of love and tell me Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! You got it! Jesus is the sweetest treat! Let me help you fold the top to keep them safe inside. (Folding one top edge over the other.) "

After the Activity: "Today in our true story from the Bible, we heard how Jesus was traveling to different places with His friends, the disciples, telling everyone that God loves them and God wants them to love others. One day, some grown-ups brought their children to hear Jesus too! They just wanted to be with Jesus, but the disciples told the grown-ups they were wrong to bring the children to Jesus. But, when Jesus saw what His friends were doing, Jesus told them: 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children" (Mark 10:14 NLT).

"Jesus wanted the children to come to Him. Jesus 'took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them' (Mark 10:16 NLT). Jesus made sure that the children knew that He loved them. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"

Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide adaptive crayons.

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Prayer

Faith Skills

- Hear from God
- Pray to God
- Talk about God
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What You Say

Dear God, Thank You for Jesus, and how He loves [child's name], and [child's name] and... (say this with each child's name). We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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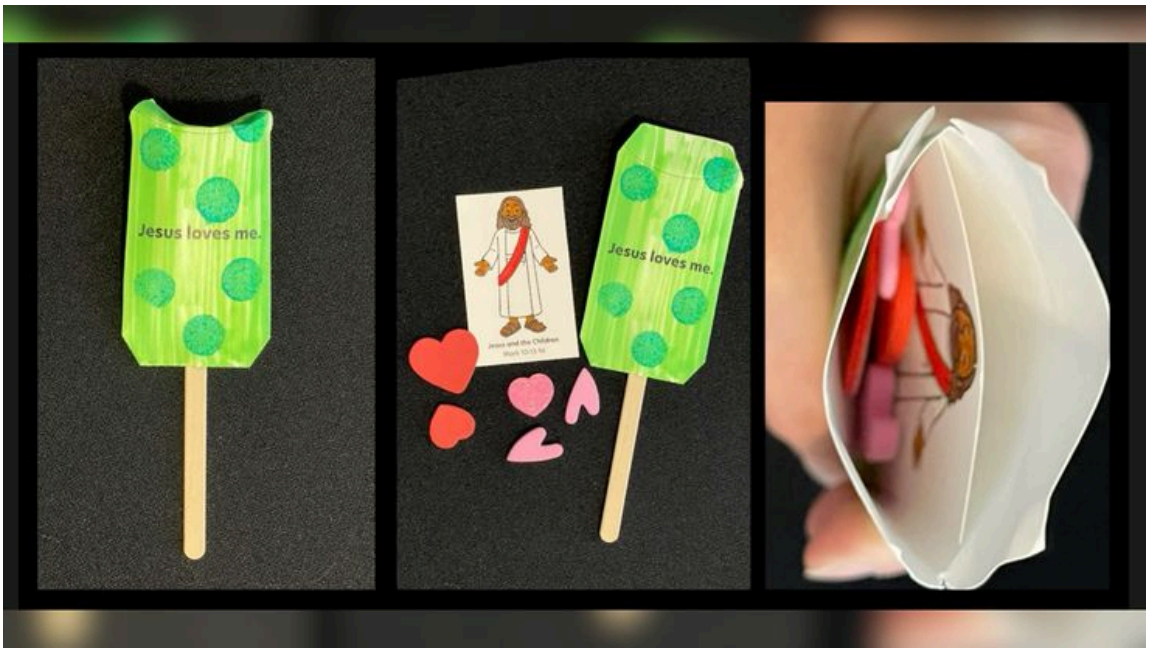

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What to Do:
Copy on cardstock and cut.
One cutout per child.

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