

2-4 Year-Olds

# February — Week 3

## 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

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus wants to spend time with me.

#### 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

# Broom It



## What You Need:

- Toy brooms, 2 per Small Group
- Beach balls, 2 per Small Group
- Painter's tape



### 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:** Inflate the beach balls. Create two teams with the children and give each team a beach ball and broom.

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to broom/push the beach ball from one side of the room to the other then pass the broom to the next friend in line. Continue going back and forth until each child has a turn to broom the ball. Repeat as desired.

## What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** “Hey friends! Come stand over here with me and let’s make two teams. (Help divide children into two teams and help line children up in a single file line.) I have a broom and a beach ball for each team. (Place a beach ball at the feet of the first two children and hand them a broom.) To play our game, you’re going to broom/sweep the ball to the other side of the room and then broom/sweep it back.”

**During the Activity:** “Are you ready? Let’s broom it! (Pause.) Woo-hoo! Broom it all the way to the other side of the room and back. (Pause.) Great job! Pass the broom to the next friend and they can start brooming/sweeping the ball. (Continue with each child.) Wow, you guys did great! It was fun to play with the broom and ball today.”

**After the Activity:** “Brooms aren’t used for a lot of games, most of the time brooms are used to clean the floors. Have you ever used a broom to sweep? Or have you seen an adult use a broom at home? (Pause for responses.) Today in our true story from the Bible, we’ll hear about a woman who was so super busy cooking and cleaning that she didn’t make time to do something really important. Let’s move to worship and Story by pretending to sweep.”

# 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

# A Visit to Mary and Martha's



## What You Need:

- "A visit to Mary and Martha's Activity Page
- Heart stickers
- Crayons

Inclusive Pro Tips



Provide adaptive crayons.

## What You Do:

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to color their pictures and stick heart stickers. Help slide each child's Martha strip through the slits in their paper. Demonstrate how to make Martha move.

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

## What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** "I'm so happy to see you today, friends, come sit with me and let's make some story art to help us remember today's true story from the Bible."

**During the Activity:** "Look, on your paper is a picture of Mary sitting with Jesus in the house she lives in with her sister, Martha. But where is Martha? (Pick up the paper strip with Martha on it.) Here she is. Color your big picture and the picture of Martha. Please stick heart stickers on the activity page. (Pause.) Nice job. Let's review with your pictures. Our story begins with Martha. Point to Martha. (Pause.) She and Jesus were friends. One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, came to Martha's house. Martha was so excited! She cleaned and cooked and was busy the whole time but her sister, Mary, sat next to Jesus and listened to everything He said. Let's attach the paper strip with Martha on it to your paper. (Slide the strip through the slits on each child's paper.) Pull the strip back and forth to make Martha busy. (Pause.) Martha thought her sister Mary should help her instead of sitting with Jesus and that made her upset. But Jesus said that Mary was doing the best thing. Jesus told Martha that spending time WITH Him was the most important thing. Being with Jesus is more important than doing things for Him."

**After the Activity:** "Jesus loved Martha and wanted her to spend time with Him. Jesus wants us to spend time with Him too, because Jesus loves you and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"

# Prayer

## Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

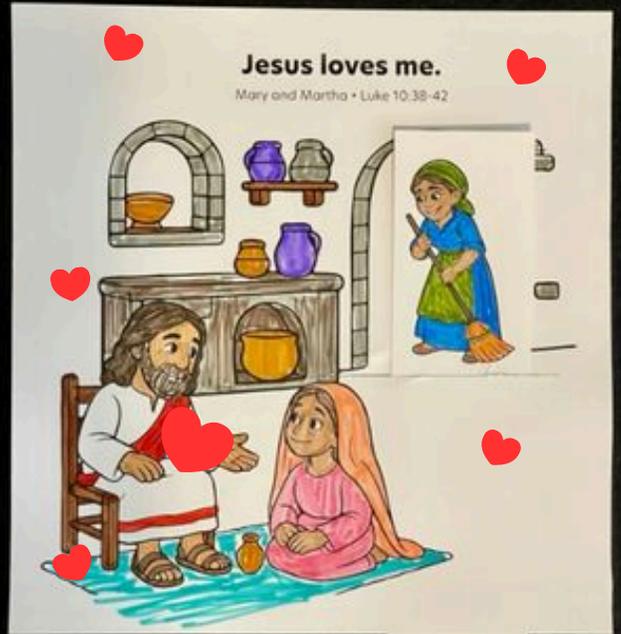
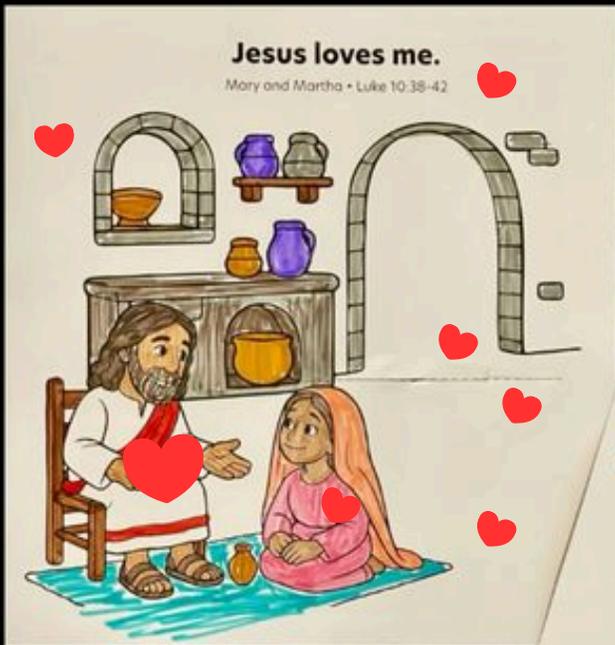
Talk about God

Live for God

## What You Say

“Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere, like ... (read the list the children made). I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

# SAMPLE



# Jesus loves me.

Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42

