Week 2

February 9, 2025



Bible Story:

Jesus loves everyone.

Matthew 9:9-10



Memory Verse:

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12



Bottom Line:

Jesus loves everyone.



FREE PLAY

As children come into the classroom, invite them to play with the Jenga blocks and get to know them.



"CLEAN UP" SONG

When you're ready to begin today's activity, play the "Clean Up" song to cue the children to clean up the free play toys and begin Activity 1.



NAME GAME, JOURNAL & PRAYER

Supplies:

- * Stickers
- * Journal
- * Pen



Keep this activity all month.

- Give each child a sticker as they introduce themselves. Lead your group in saying, "Hi (child's name)!"
- Say, "This month we will be talking about how Jesus loves everyone! When I call on you, tell us your name and your favorite food!"
- Say, "Today we will learn that Matthew followed Jesus and Matthew had a special dinner for Jesus"
- Lead group in prayer: "Dear God, if Jesus came to our house, we would make Him yummy food like (read the list of food). Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much You love us and how we should love each other. Please help us love like Jesus. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW BOARD

Supplies:

- * Road Map
- * Toy cars



Keep this activity all month.

- Set out the road play mat.
- Give each child a toy car and encourage them to follow the path of the road while repeating the memory verse each time!

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12, NLT



LARGE GROUP TIME

- As groups are finishing Activity 2, play "The Wiggles" song to cue small group leaders to finish Activity 2 and head to large group.
- Play worship & Bible story.



"JESUS LOVES" MIRRORS

Supplies:

* Handheld mirror

- Pass around the mirror and allow each student to look in the mirror and say, "Jesus loves me!"
- Say, "In our story, we learned that Jesus loved Matthew and wanted to be his friend forever. Jesus went to Matthew and said, 'Follow Me' and Matthew did. Jesus loves everyone—even when we make bad choices. [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone and wants to show them how to love everyone too. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone, including you!"



COLLECTING COINS

Supplies:

- * Play coins
- * Brown paper bag
- Scatter the coins in small group area.
- Tell the children that today they're going to collect "coins" just like Matthew might have collected them when he worked as a tax collector.
- Encourage students to pick up coins and put them in the paper bag.
- Say, "In our story, we learned that Jesus loved Matthew and wanted to be his friend forever. Jesus went to Matthew and said, 'Follow Me' and Matthew did. Jesus loves everyone—even when we make bad choices. [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone and wants to show them how to love everyone too. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone."

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JESUS LOVES EVERYONE BRACELETS

Supplies:

- * Pipe cleaners
- * Beads
- * Heart
- Give each child a pipe cleaner.
- Encourage them to put beads on their pipe cleaner.
- Have each child add a "Jesus Loves Everyone" heart to their bracelet
- Review the Bible story. Say, "Today, in our Bible story, we learned that Jesus still loved Matthew even after He made bad choices. Jesus loves us too, no matter the choices we make! This bracelet will remind you of that whenever you wear it![Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!"



EXTRA TIME

Supplies:

* Song of the month

- Play the song of the month and allow children to dance and celebrate because Jesus loves everyone!
- If time and interest allows, play freeze dance or any other games with the music that children may engage in.