# **Week 4** February 23, 2025



#### **FREE PLAY**

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



#### **Bible Story:**

Jesus wants everyone to follow Him.

The Twelve Disciples
Matthew 4:18-22,
9:9-10, 10:2-4; John
1:43-49



## **Memory Verse:**

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



## **Bottom Line:**

Jesus loves everyone.



#### "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 someone you can tell about Jesus and how He loves everyone!"
- Say, "Today we will learn that Philip told his friend, Nathanael, about Jesus."
- Lead group in prayer: "Dear God, we know [Bottom Line]

  Jesus loves everyone. I pray (say each child's name) will
  know how much Jesus loves them and that they will follow
  Jesus one day. We also pray that (read the list the children
  made) will know how much Jesus loves them and will follow
  Jesus too. 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!

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#### 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.



#### TWELVE DISCIPLES SCAVENGER HUNT

#### **Supplies:**

- \* 12 Disciple Printout
- \* Checklist
- \* Whiteboard Markerl
- Scatter or hangup the twelve disciples around the classroom.
- Review the importance of the twelve disciples using the groups checklist as a guide.
   Say, "In our story today, we learned about Jesus' twelve friends called the disciples.
   Their names were Peter, Andrew, James, John, another James, Matthew, Philip,
   Nathanael, Thomas, Judas, Thaddeus, and Simon. The disciples lived in different towns and had different jobs, but they had something very special that was the same.
   Jesus loved all of them, because [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone."
- Encourage the children to go and find the twelve disciples and bring them back to you or to check them off on your group's checklist.



#### **EVERYONE PARACHUTE!**

#### **Supplies:**

- \* Parachute
- Spread the parachute out in an open area of the classroom.
- Encourage children to grab the parachute and shake it slow and fast as you say the Bottom Line.
- "Everyone, come grab a handle! Let's shake the parachute up and down. (Pause.) Awesome! Now shake it slowly and say: [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! (With children.) Now, let's shake the parachute faster and say: [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! (With children.) Great job. Let's jump up and down and shake the parachute and say: [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! (With children.) Now let's jump up and fall down. (Pause.) Whew! That was so fun!"
- "Everyone did a great job following my directions! Jesus' friends, the disciples, followed Jesus. Everyone can follow Jesus because [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!"

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#### **DISCIPLES STORY BOOK**

#### **Supplies:**

- \* Activity Page
- \* Crayons
- Give each child an activity book coloring page and help them fold it.
- Encourage them to color their story book.
- Say, "Let's go through our storybook together. Are you ready to meet Jesus' friends? Great! Open your paper. The first picture shows Peter and Andrew. They were brothers who were fishermen. James and John were also brothers and fishermen. Then there's another of Jesus' friends and his name was James too. Then Matthew, he was a tax collector. Then Philip and his friend Nathanael. Then there is Thomas, Judas, Thaddeus, and Simon. Fantastic! The disciples all came from different places and had different families and different jobs. They were all different, but Jesus loved every one of them because [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Who loves everyone? [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!

