

Lifepoint Kids Littles

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Today's Bible Story: I can love everyone like Jesus.

Jesus Loves Everyone • *The Gospels*

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Key Question: Who can love like Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can love like Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

SMALL GROUP (15 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Love on the Wall

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Like Jesus Headband

Review and Prayer

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (15 minutes)

1. Love on the Wall

What You Do: *During the Activity:* Choose a child to go first and give them a heart sticker. Gently spin the child twice and then point them toward the paper on the wall. Challenge the child to walk to the paper and place a sticker on it. Repeat the activity until all children have had a turn. Talk about how we'll hear more ways we can love like Jesus today in our story.

What You Say: *During the Activity:* "Friends, come over here and stand with me. I have a love-filled activity for us to do. We have a paper on the wall that we need to fill with LOVE! We can each put a heart sticker on the paper to fill it with love. Putting a sticker on the paper is easy, so let's make it fun! I will spin you around two times, then you can stamp your love on the paper. [Child's name], are you ready? (*Spin child twice.*) Go stamp some love. (*Pause.*) Nice job! Come back. Our next friend to go is [child's name]! (*Continue with each child and repeat as desired.*) Great job! I see so much love on our wall!"

After the Activity: "Today, we'll hear more ways we can love like Jesus!"

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

1. Play First Look Video (March, Week 4)

2. Worship DVD

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (25 minutes)

1. Like Jesus Headband

What You Do: *During the Activity:* Encourage children to decorate their sentence strip with crayons, heart stickers (and dot markers). Instruct them to glue the heart with the letters in it on their sentence strip first. Then ask children to glue the other hearts on either side of the first heart. Wrap the sentence strip around each child's head to find the fit, and staple shut. Cover the ends of the staple with tape. Talk about how Jesus loves everyone, and we can, too.

What You Say: *During the Activity:* "Friends, come sit with me at the table, and let's make a headband. Use the markers and stickers to decorate your paper strip. *(Pause.)* Great job! Now find the heart picture that has words on it. *(Pause.)* It says, 'I can love like Jesus.' Glue that heart in the middle of your strip. *(Pause.)* Now glue the other two hearts on either side of that one. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Now let me measure it to your head and staple it shut. *(Pause.)* Put a piece of tape right there over the back of the staple. *(Pause.)* Great! Now your headbands are ready to wear!"

After the Activity: "In our story today, we heard how Jesus chose different people with different jobs and from different families and different places, to follow Him. Jesus loves everyone, and He wants us to love everyone, everywhere, just like Him. **[Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**"

2. Review and Prayer

SGL: "In our Bible story, today, we heard about the first people who followed Jesus. They were called 'the disciples.' The disciples had different jobs and lived in different places because Jesus loves everyone. And the Bible verse we have been learning will help us remember that Jesus loves everyone because it says . . .

CHILDREN and SGL: "'A friend *(hook pointer fingers together)* loves *(hug yourself)* at all times *(arms out and twirl)*,' Proverbs 17:17." *(Open hands like a book.)*

SGL: "Yay! Okay, it's time for everyone to sit down and talk to God. *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone in the whole, wide world! We want to love everyone like Jesus. Help us love all of the people in the world. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name. amen."