

**TODAY'S  
BIBLE STORY**

Who is Jesus?  
**THE GOSPELS**

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Love each other as  
I have loved you."  
**JOHN 15:12, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**

Who loves you?

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus loves me.

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

**LARGE GROUP**

ENGAGE KIDS'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**WORSHIP**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at John 15:12, NIV. You need a music player and the worship songs, "Jesus No Matter What" and "I'm Gonna Tell," which are included in your files. The dance moves video for both songs are also available in your files.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Helllooooo friends! I'm so glad to see you here today. We are going to have so much fun together this week praising together! Let's get up on our feet so we can dance and sing about our awesome friend, Jesus! You know, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** When I say, Who loves you? You say, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you?"**

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! He sure does. Jesus loves you no matter what! Let's sing about that!"

*Lead children in singing "Jesus No Matter What."*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That was awesome. Jesus is a friend that we can trust because He loves us so much! **Who loves you?"**

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** The Bible teaches us to "'Love each other (*hug yourself*) as I (*point up*) have loved you." (*point thumbs to chest*) John 15:12 (*open hands like a book*) That means we can love everyone, everywhere like Jesus loves us. Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Say it with me."

*(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Way to go! You did a great job with that verse. One way we can love others is by telling them all about Jesus. I have a song about that. Let's sing it together!"

*Lead children in singing "I'm Gonna Tell."*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Wow! That was so much fun singing with you! I'm glad we get to spend the week together praising Jesus. One more time, **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Allergy Alert" copied on cardstock, "Jesus" Activity Page copied on cardstock, scissors, a plastic toy boat, small paper cups, Goldfish crackers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE STORY:** Copy and display the "Allergy Alert" for parents as they drop off. Make one copy of "Jesus" on cardstock and cut along the dotted line. Fill a small paper cup with Goldfish for each child.

**DURING THE STORY:** Gather the children around you and use the story props to tell today's Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**LEADER:** "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me."

*Wait for the children to gather around.*

"This is the . . . (hold up Bible) . . . Bible!"

*Lay the Bible open at one of the Gospels.*

"Our Bible story is about Someone very, very special. His name is Jesus!"

*Hold the "Jesus" cut out in front of the children and make it pretend to walk.*

**LEADER:** "Jesus is special, because Jesus is God's Son. God made the whole world and everything in it. And Jesus is HIS Son!"

"Jesus did SO many amazing things, that only He can do, to show us that He is God's Son."

*Pick up the toy boat and place it in front of the children. Pretend "Jesus" is riding in the boat.*

**LEADER:** "One day, Jesus was on a boat with His friends and there was a big storm! It was raining and thundering and the boat was rocking."

*Make the boat rock.*

**LEADER:** "Jesus' friends were so afraid! But Jesus told them they didn't have to be afraid. And then He did something that only He can do. Jesus told the storm to stop, and it did! Wow!"

*Make the boat stop rocking. Then, put the boat away and prepare to hand out the paper cups filled with Goldfish.*

**LEADER:** "Another time, Jesus was teaching A LOT of people about God. There were over 5,000 people there listening to Him! It was time for the people to eat, but all Jesus' friends had was a little bread and fish. Jesus told His friends to give the people the food, so they did what Jesus said.

*Give each child a small cup of Goldfish.*

**LEADER:** "And guess what! Every person got bread and fish to eat! And there was even some left over! Wow!

"But do you know what the most amazing thing is about Jesus? Jesus knows and loves every person in the whole, wide world!

"Jesus loves (name of child) and Jesus loves (name of child) and Jesus loves . . . (say this with each child's name).

"Jesus knows and loves everyone!

"So, when I ask you, '**Who loves you?,'** I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** Ready?  
**Who loves you?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**LEADER:** "Again! Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**LEADER:** "He sure does! Now, let's put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God."

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much we are loved. Thank You for knowing us each by name. I pray each person here today will grow up believing how much Jesus loves them. You are the best, God. We love You very much. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gather children for a **Large Group** time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

### **WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)**

*A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.*

### **STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)**

*Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.*

## 1. WORSHIP

#### **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Leader(s)
- Live instruments
- A music player
- "Memory Verse Card" paper-clipped in your Bible at John 15:12, NIV

#### **MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:**

- "Jesus No Matter What" and "I'm Gonna Tell," which are included in your files

#### **OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):**

- Dance Moves Music Video for both songs are available in your files

#### **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

## 2. BIBLE STORY

#### **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bible
- "Jesus" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Toy boat
- Small paper cups
- Goldfish
- "Allergy Alert" page

#### **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Make one copy of the "Jesus" Activity Page on cardstock and cut the picture out along the dashed lines.
- Fill a small paper cup with Goldfish for each child.
- Copy the Allergy Alert and post it.