

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

When I follow Jesus,
I can love everyone.

LOVE ONE
ANOTHER JOHN
13:34-35

MEMORY VERSE

“Come and follow me,
Jesus said.”

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my
friend forever.



PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines
while having fun and learning new concepts

1. HELLO

WHAT YOU NEED: “Hello” Activity Page and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Hello” onto the cardstock and cut on dotted lines.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Stand at the entrance where the children come in while holding the Activity Page. Invite the children to choose a greeting from the Activity Page. Greet the child in the way that they have chosen. If they choose a hug, make sure to do a side hug.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Repeat until each child has been greeted.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “I am so glad you are here today!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “I want to tell you hello. Can you show me on the page (*hold up*) how I can say hello? (*Point.*) Fist bump, high five, or a hug? (*Pause and do activity.*)”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Today we are going to hear about a special way that we can follow Jesus! We can love each other!”

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by waving hello to anyone that you meet on the way to the story area.

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CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story,
bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

2. LOVE LIKE JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: “Love Like Jesus” Activity Page, cardstock, BAND-AIDS, heart stickers, toy stickers, and food stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock (one per child).

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page, a BAND-AID, and one of each of the stickers. Encourage the child to place all of the stickers and the BAND-AID around the picture of Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Send the Activity Pages home with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Let’s love like Jesus!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Here is a picture of Jesus. *(Hold up.)* Let’s put a BAND-AID on the picture to show that we can love one another by helping them when they are hurt. *(Do activity.)* Now let’s place a food sticker on the picture to show that we can love someone by giving them food. *(Continue activity.)* Great job! Now we can place a toy sticker *(hold up)* and a heart sticker *(hold up)* on the picture to show that we can love one another by sharing.”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Move Awesome job! We can follow Jesus by showing love to one another. **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!**”

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**PRAY
TO GOD**
PRAYER
ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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1. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Matthew 4:19. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group. You will also need reward stickers or hand stamp for saying the Bible verse.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Prayer Journal Time!

(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

“Today we are going to make a list of ways we can be a good friend and love people the way Jesus loves us. Sound good? *(Pause.)* Okay, when I say your name, tell me one way you can be a good friend and love people the way Jesus loves you.

(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“This is such a great list! Would

anyone like to pray before I

pray?” *(Give each child who*

wants to pray the opportunity

to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and shows us how to love others. Help us to *(read the list the children made)* so we can love everyone the way Jesus loves us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”