

Love One Another—March 2021, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: When you love like Jesus, you can love everyone.
Love One Another • *John 13:34-35*

Memory Verse: "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12, NIV

Key Question: Who can love like Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can love like Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

VIDEO: Love One Another: *Watch today's Bible Story Video with Pastor Robin!*

REVIEW ACTIVITIES Choose One of the Two Review Activities to Do With Your Child(ren):

1) Love Like Jesus Book (Craft)

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: "Love Book" Activity Page; cardstock; heart stamps; red washable inkpads; pen; crayons; stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Love Book" Activity Page on cardstock, one per child. Fold each book.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to tell you a kind word to fill in their thought bubble. Older children can write the word themselves. Trace the child's hand with a crayon for the helping page. Add the two stickers on the sharing page.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Since we've been learning how we can love like Jesus, let's make a book about the ways we can love.

During the Activity: "On the front of your book, it says, 'Love like Jesus.' Add some heart stamps to this page. *(Pause.)* Nice job! Open up your book. The next page has a speech bubble. What's a kind word you can say? *(Pause.)* That's a good word. *(Write the word or let the children write it.)* You can love like Jesus by saying kind words. We need to trace your hand on the next page because you can love like Jesus by helping. *(Trace each child's hand.)* On the last page of your book, add your two stickers. *(Pause.)* Because you can love like Jesus when you share."

After the Activity: "In our story, we learned that the number one, most important thing we can do is to love like Jesus. There was a man who couldn't walk, and Jesus helped him walk! We can love like Jesus when we help others by cheering them up when they're sad or teaching them how to play a new game.

“Another time, Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people, and everyone was so hungry, but they only had a small bit of food. Jesus prayed over the food and thanked God for it then shared the food with the entire crowd. We can love like Jesus by sharing, too! We can share a toy or a snack. One time, a woman came to see Jesus and everyone said unkind words to her. But Jesus loved her and spoke kind words to her. We can love like Jesus when we say kind words, too! So, tell me friends, **who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**”

2) Let Everyone Come Over (Movement Activity)

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler’s natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Painter’s tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape a large heart on the floor.

During the Activity: Have children stand in a line back from the heart. When leader says the rhyme and calls a child’s name, the child runs into the heart. Leader says, “Jesus loves everyone, Jesus loves [child’s name]. Let [child’s name] come over!” Repeat until every child has a turn and as long as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come line up over here. Let’s play a game! Listen for when I say your name. When you hear me say to come on over, run to the inside of the heart.”

During the Activity: “Jesus loves everyone, Jesus loves [child’s name]. Let [child’s name] come over! *(Pause.)* Great job! Go back to the line. *(Repeat as long as desired.)* That was so much fun! Everybody, come sit around the outside of the heart with me.”

After the Activity: “Jesus loves *(say each child’s name)*. Jesus loves each and every one of us. The best thing we can do is love each other like Jesus loves us. We can love like Jesus by helping, sharing, and saying kind words. **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**”

MEMORY VERSE

SAY: Let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

“Our Bible story, today, was about how Jesus loves everyone in the whole, wide world. That means, no matter we go in the world, we can love others the way Jesus loves us by helping, sharing, and saying kind words.

“Our Bible verse will help us remember that no matter where we are, we can love each other the way Jesus loves us. It says . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*”

“‘Love each other as I have loved you,’ John 15:12. *(Close Bible and lay it down.)*”

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions so we can remember it wherever we go!”

“**Love each other** *(hug yourself)*
as I *(point up)*
have loved you, *(point thumbs to chest)*
John 15:12. *(Open hands like a book.)*”

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SAY: “And Jesus loves us by wanting to help us, sharing what we need, and saying kind words to us. That means when we help, share, and say kind words to people, we love them the way Jesus loves us! So tell me, **who can love like Jesus?**”

“I can love like Jesus!”

“One more time! **Who can love like Jesus?**”

“I can love like Jesus!”

(cheering) “Yay! **[Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus!**”

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paper/Prayer Journal, and A Marker or Fun Pen

SAY: “Okay, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*”

“Since helping others is one way we can love the way Jesus loves us, let’s make a list of ways we can help people. When I say your name, tell me one way you can help people, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!”

(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.)

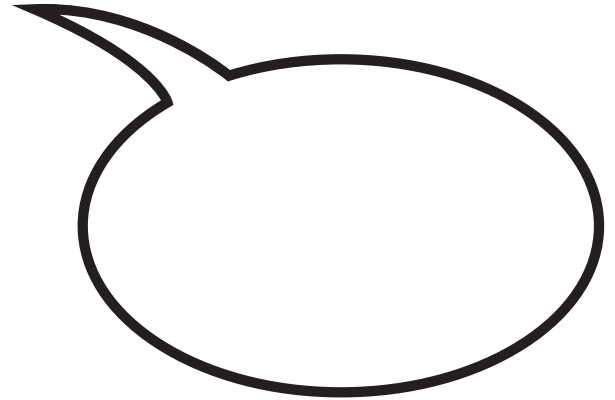
“These are great ways we can help people. Let’s use our list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

“Dear God, Jesus is the best friend anyone will ever have. He really wants to help, share, and say kind words to everyone in the whole, wide world! That is real love! And we want to love like Jesus. So God, will You please help us to *(read the list the children made)* so people everywhere will know that we love them the way Jesus loves us? We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

I can love like
Jesus when I say
kind words.



I can love like Jesus
when I help others.

I can love like Jesus
when I share.

Love
Like
Jesus