



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 1 | JUNE 1, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Jesus Shows His Disciples How to Love

Bible Story: *Jesus Shows His Disciples How to Love* • Love like Jesus • *Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 5:24-34, 10:13-16; Philippians 2:5*

Memory Verse: "Think and act as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5, NIV

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

What do you do when you don't know how to do something? Do you pick up your phone and do a quick search? Or do you find someone who knows how to do it and just ask them, "Hey, can you show me how to do this?"

We all need people to show us how to do things, and when it comes to how to love others, well, there's only One who can truly show us how—Jesus! This month, we are going to discover how to live it out and love like Jesus. No matter how young or old you are, we all need Jesus to show us how to love others. Together, let's point preschoolers to the One who came to show them how to do the most important thing: loving others the way Jesus loves them

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Kid
Connect
9:35/11:20

Large Group
Starts
9:40/11:25

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

“Can everybody follow those rules today? *(Kids respond.)* Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let’s say them all together! Are you ready?”

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

“It’s time for our memory verse. Let’s watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!”

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

‘Think *(point to head)*
and act *(walk in place)*
as Jesus did,’ *(tap finger to middle of each palm)*
Philippians 2:5. *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: FULLY ALIVE, LOVE LIKE JESUS)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner’s Bible, Stuffed Ollie and a Large Foam/Felt Heart)

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

“I have my story box ready. I’m SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let’s see what I have in here...”

Pull out the Bible

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it’s the Bible! The Bible is God’s word and God’s word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story. Let’s see what else is in our story box today.

Pull out the Stuffed Ollie and Heart.

Who is in our story box today? *(Pause for responses.)* YES! It’s Ollie! What does Ollie have with him today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! A HEART! What does a heart remind us of? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! A heart reminds us of love. Today we are going to hear a story about how to love like Jesus.

Let’s click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let’s put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let’s put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! That was an amazing story! Jesus showed the Disciples how to love. We can learn to love like Jesus too! We are learning this month that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus shows me how to love others!

When I ask, 'Who shows you how to love others?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus shows me how to love others.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. 'Who shows you how to love others?' *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus shows me how to love others.' YES! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus shows me how to love others."

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others and love life.' Jesus loves each one of us. Because Jesus loves us, we can love others.

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them close them, open them close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Please help us to stop and love people the way Jesus stopped to love people. In Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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STOP AND GO (2's-5's)

(‘Stop and Go’ Activity Pages – 1 set per group, 1 craft stick per group, tape optional)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Stop and Go” Activity Page and cut apart, one set per Small Group. Tape the stop sign image to a craft stick. Optional- tape other images around your SG area.

During the Activity: Have the children circle up in your SG area. The kids will March around the circle until you hold up the STOP sign and say “STOP.” (Have the kids march for 10-20 seconds before showing one of the pictures.) Once everyone has stopped, review that part of the Bible Story. Encourage children to hug themselves when you say the Bottom Line, then continue marching. Do the Bible Story Images first and then the ways the kids can love others- images are numbered.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey everyone! We are going to go on a march today. Come have a seat in a circle around me.”

During the Activity: “When I say, ‘GO,’ you will stay in your circle and march (point) in this direction. When I hold up this stop sign (hold up sign to show them) and say, ‘STOP,’ you will stop. Give me a thumbs-up if you’re ready.” (Give thumbs-up.)

Say this before holding up each picture. “Here . . . we . . . GO! (Have the kids March for 10-20 seconds.) “STOP! Look at this picture.” *Change the duration and direction of marching to keep kids engaged.*

- Jesus & Soldier- This is Jesus and the soldier from our story. The soldier asked Jesus for help. Jesus stopped and helped him. Helping is one way Jesus shows us how to love others.
- Jesus & the Children- This is Jesus and the children from our story. These children wanted to meet Jesus. Jesus stopped and spent time with the children. Spending time with people is another way Jesus shows us how to love others.
- Jesus & the Woman- This is Jesus and a woman. This is the woman from our story who was sick. When she touched Jesus’ clothes, she was all better! Jesus stopped and was kind to the woman. Being kind is another way Jesus shows us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love (hug yourself) others? [Bottom Line] Jesus shows me how to love (hug**

yourself) others

- Friend who is sad- This is a picture of a friend who is sad. Jesus shows us how to love others! How can we love our friends when they are sad? (Pause...and wait for answers.) Yes, we can give our friend a hug when they are sad, we can spend time with them.
- Friend who is hungry- This is a picture of two friends having snack. Jesus shows us how to love others! How can we love our friends when they are hungry? (Pause...and wait for answers.) Yes, we can share our snack with our friend, we can help them.
- Friends on the Playground- This is a picture of two friends playing at the park. Jesus shows us how to love others! How can we love our friends at the park? (Pause...and wait for answers.) Yes, we can take turns and invite our friends to play with us, we can be kind.

4s/5s Extension- use the question mark card to help the kids think of ways they can love others in other environments- home, church, grocery store....

After the Activity: "Wow! Jesus shows us some great ways we can love others. We can stop and help people. We can stop and spend time with people. And we can stop and be kind to people! I'm so glad Jesus shows us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love others? [Bottom Line] Jesus shows me how to love others!**"

LOVE OTHERS (2's-5's)

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

During the Activity: This is a movement activity that lets the kids repeat the bottom line and have fun.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, we have one more game to play."

During the Activity: "Today we learned that we can love others just like Jesus did! Jesus stopped and loved others all the time, and we can too! First, I want to show you all how to say, "I love you" without words... we are going to use sign language to say, "I love you." (Demonstrate how to say I love you using ASL.)



OK, here's how we play... when I say "GO" you will do a motion that I tell you to do, but, when I say "STOP" you have to freeze and give the "I love You" sign to a friend. (Demonstrate- just make the ASL sign for I love you towards someone.) Here... we... go....

- Jump UP and Down
- Wiggle
- Pat your Head
- Stomp your feet (silently)
- Leader's Choice

After the Activity: "Wow! That was a lot of fun! Jesus shows us how to love others! - We can love others when we: help others, show kindness to others, and spend time with others! We can also

say, “I love you.” Tell me: **Who shows you how to love others?** *[Bottom Line]* Jesus shows me how to love others!”

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

‘Think *(point to head)*
and act *(walk in place)*
as Jesus did,’ *(tap finger to middle of each palm)*
Philippians 2:5. *(Open hands like a book.)*

PRAY

“Let’s pray together. *(Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)*

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Help us stop and love one another—like Jesus. You’re the best, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner’s Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner’s Bible to today’s story (A Captain’s Faith, page #324 and Two Miracles, page #340) and read it to your small group.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.