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WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible and heart cutout

LEADER: “Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor.

“The Bible (*hold up the Bible*) has many stories in it that Jesus told. He told these stories to teach us important things. Jesus wants you to know that God loves you, no matter what. (*Open the Bible and pull out the heart.*) Yes, God loves YOU. Jesus wants you to know that you are important to God. Yes, YOU are important to God. (*Point to each child.*) Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends. When your friend wants to play with some of the toys in our room, you can share with them. Jesus wants you to know that you can help others. When a friend falls down, you can help them. Jesus teaches us so many important things that help us do the right thing (*two thumbs-up*) and live a strong life. (*Flex biceps.*) I am so glad we can read all the stories Jesus told in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things.**”



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WHAT YOU NEED: “Bible Teaches Us” Activity Page; cardstock; heart stamps; red washable inkpads; wet wipes; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Bible Teaches Us” on cardstock, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children stamp red hearts all over their paper.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Today, we learned about the stories Jesus told in the Bible. Jesus told these stories to teach us important things.

“There is a picture of a Bible on your paper. Use the stamp to cover it with red hearts. *(Pause.)* Jesus teaches you that God loves you and you are important to God. Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends and help your friends. He teaches us to do the right thing and live a strong life.

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Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2022, Week 1

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches us that God loves us, no matter what.
Prodigal Son • *Luke 15:11-24*

Memory Verse: “The crowds were amazed at his teaching.” Matthew 7:28, NIV

Key Question: Who teaches you important things?

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LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: “*My Forever Friend*” Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

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LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

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WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Matthew 7:28, NIV.

LEADER: "Hello, everyone! It's my favorite time—WORSHIP time! This is when we sing and dance and praise God together! God sent Jesus to teach us important things. When I ask, '**Who teaches you important things?**', I want you to say, [**Bottom Line**] '**Jesus teaches me important things.**' **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [**Bottom Line**] "**Jesus teaches me important things.**"

LEADER: "That's right! [**Basic Truth**] **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Stand up and sing this out with me!"

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "So fun! Jesus is a good, good friend! He teaches us so many important things. Great job, friends. **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [**Bottom Line**] "**Jesus teaches me important things.**"

LEADER: "That's right! [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus teaches me important things!** The Bible teaches us that 'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Listen to me say it and watch me do the motions, then you can do it with me!" (*Repeat.*)

CHILDREN and LEADER: "'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' Matthew 7:28." (*Open hands like a book.*)

LEADER: "We can be like Jesus when we listen to what He teaches us! All month long, we will learn about the important things Jesus teaches us. I can't wait! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends."

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and you know what? I LOVE to read this book. Do you know what it is?”

Hold up the Bible.

“Yes! It’s the Bible. Today, I want to look at a story from the Bible that Jesus told that teaches us about God’s love! He loves us, no matter what. So, are you ready to hear it? If you are, say, ‘I’m ready!’”

CHILDREN: “I’m ready!”

LEADER: “Great! Here we go!”

VIDEO: “*Prodigal Son*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. He teaches us that God loves us, no matter what, just like the father loved his son in this story. When I ask, ‘**Who teaches you important things?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘**Jesus teaches me important things!**’ Ready? **Who teaches you important things?**”

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LEADER: “**Who teaches you important things?**”

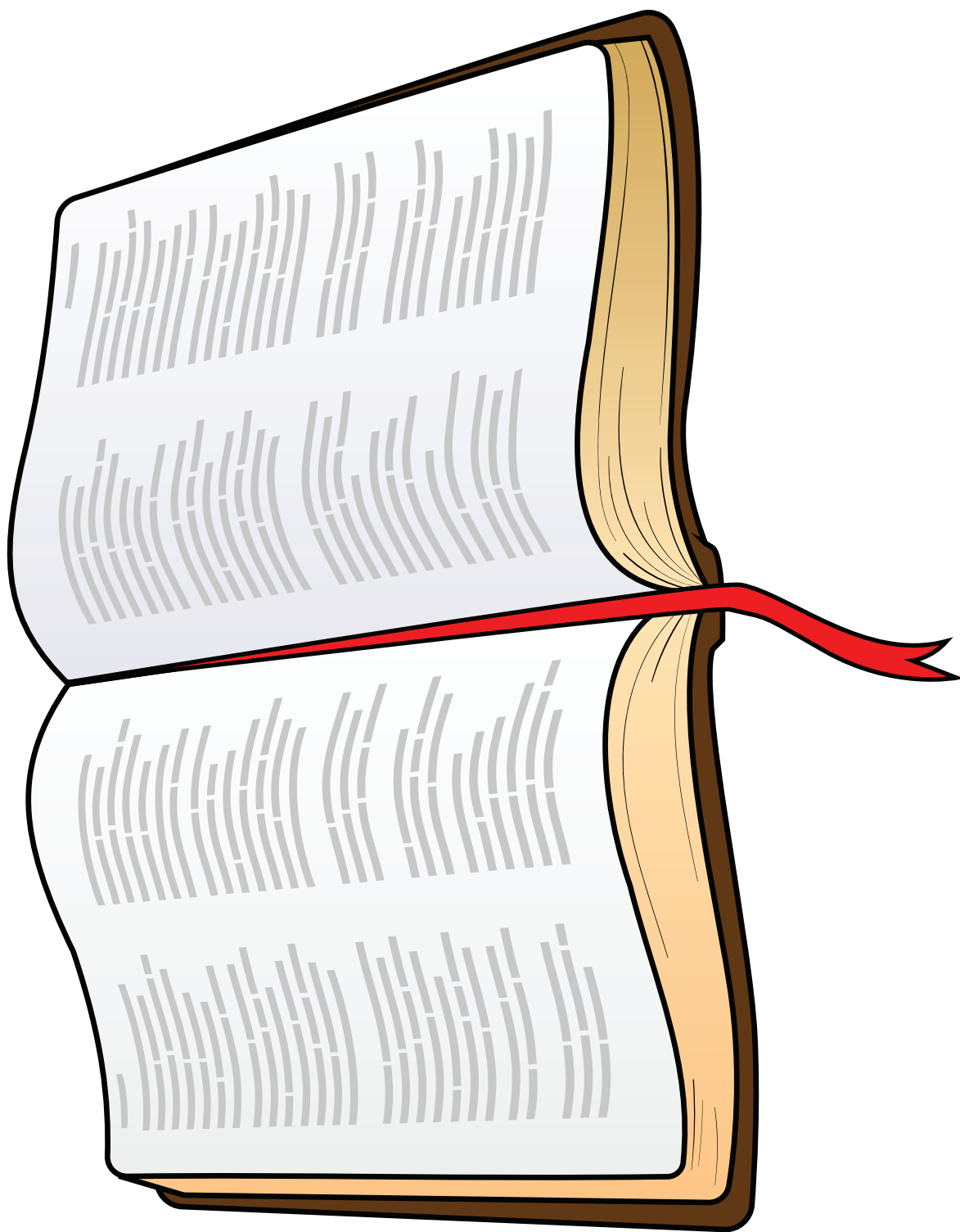
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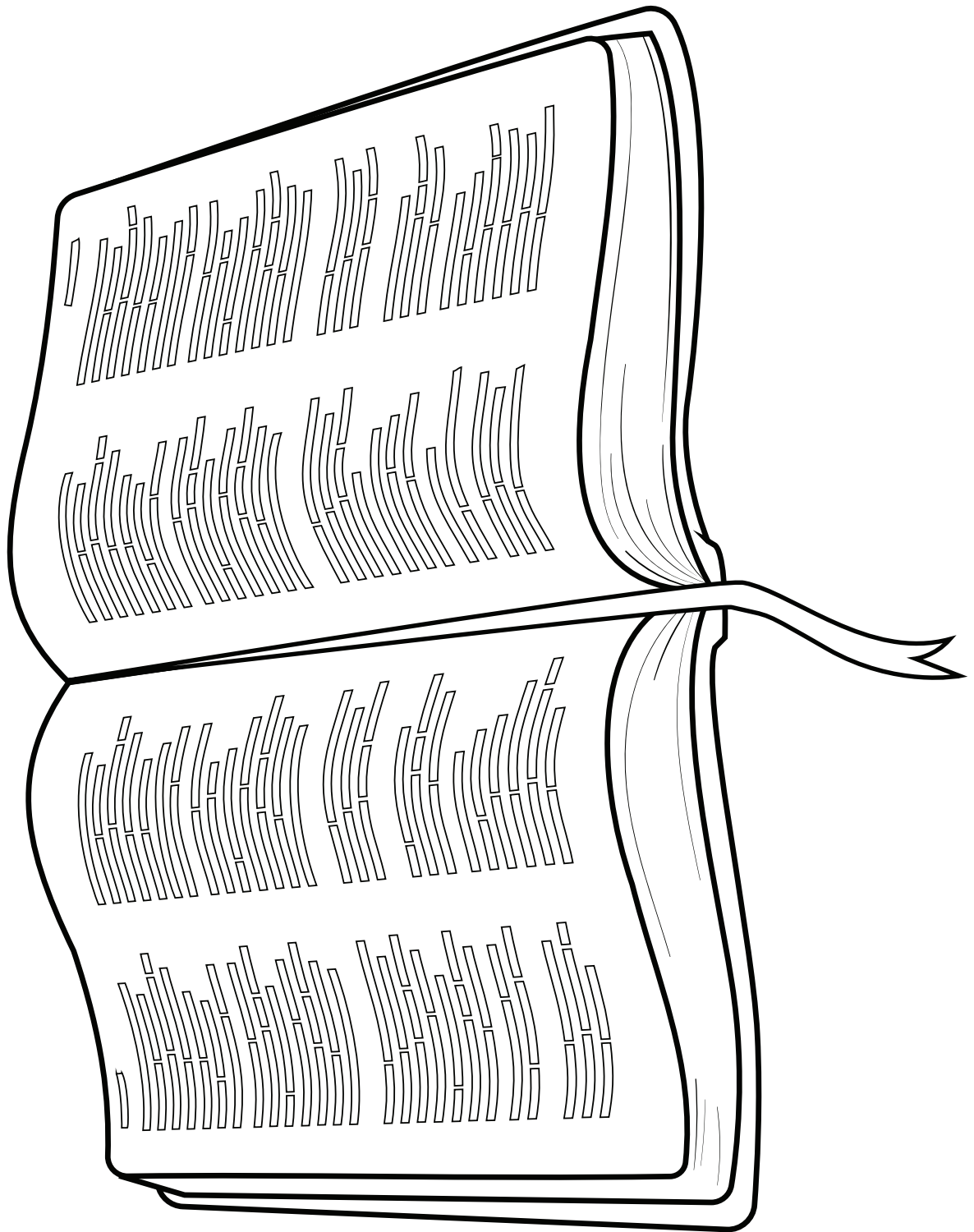
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LEADER: “God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. We know that Jesus teaches us important things. Thank You for loving us, no matter what. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

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WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, “Story Pictures” Activity Pages copied on white cardstock

LEADER: “Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about all the important things Jesus teaches us. (*Hold up the picture of Jesus teaching a crowd.*)

“Jesus told these stories to teach us important things. Jesus wants you to know that God loves you, no matter what. (*Hold up the picture of a big heart.*) Yes, God loves YOU. Jesus wants you to know that you are important to God. Yes, YOU are important to God. (*Hold up the picture of Jesus pointing forward.*) Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends. When your friend wants to play with some of the toys in our room, you can share with them. (*Hold up the picture of children sharing a toy.*) Jesus wants you to know you can help others. When a friend falls down, you can help them. (*Hold up the picture of a child helping another child.*)

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WHAT YOU NEED: "Important Things" and "Sharing and Helping" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; glue sticks; wet wipes; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Important Things" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write child's name on their paper. Copy "Sharing and Helping" on cardstock and cut out, one set per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children glue the sharing and helping pictures to their paper. Talk about what's going on in each picture.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In the Bible, Jesus teaches us important things. Jesus teaches us that God loves you, no matter what, and you are important to God. Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends. Do you see a picture of two friends sharing a toy? (Pause.) There it is. (Rub a little glue on the back of each child's sharing picture.) Press the picture down on your paper. (Pause.) When a friend wants some of the toys in our room, you can share with them.

"Jesus wants you to know you can help others, too. Do you see the picture of children helping each other? (Pause.) Here it is. (Rub a little glue on the back of each child's helping picture.) Press the picture down on your paper. (Pause.) When a friend falls down, you can help them.

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Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2022, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches us that we are important to God.
The Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:3-7*

Memory Verse: "The crowds were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28, NIV

Key Question: Who teaches you important things?

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LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

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LEADER: "Hey, friends! Who's ready for worship? (*Pause.*) Me, too! I LOVE to sing and dance and praise God with you. God sent Jesus to be our friend forever and teach us important things. **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "Yes, He does! I'm so glad to know that [*Basic Truth*] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. He's a good, good friend. Sing this out with me.

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "I want to be just like Jesus! He's my forever friend. The Bible teaches us that 'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say that together."

Lead children to repeat the memory verse with the motions.

"Yes, Jesus teaches us SO many important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "Jesus teaches me important things."

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible then set it in front of you.

“Today, I want to share one of the stories Jesus told to teach us something very important. And this story starts with a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd does? Raise your hand if you think a shepherd takes care of dogs? *(Pause.)* No? Okay, what about birds? Does a shepherd take care of birds? *(Pause.)* Nope. A shepherd takes care of, say it with me.”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Sheep!”

LEADER: “That’s right. A shepherd takes care of sheep! What does the sheep say? Let’s all make a sheep noise together.”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Baa!”

LEADER: “Very good! Now let’s visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear more about this important lesson!”

VIDEO: *“The Lost Sheep” from Wonder*

LEADER: “YOU matter to God. Yes, YOU are important to God. I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus teaches me important things.”

LEADER: “Yes, it’s true. One more time, **who teaches you important things?**”

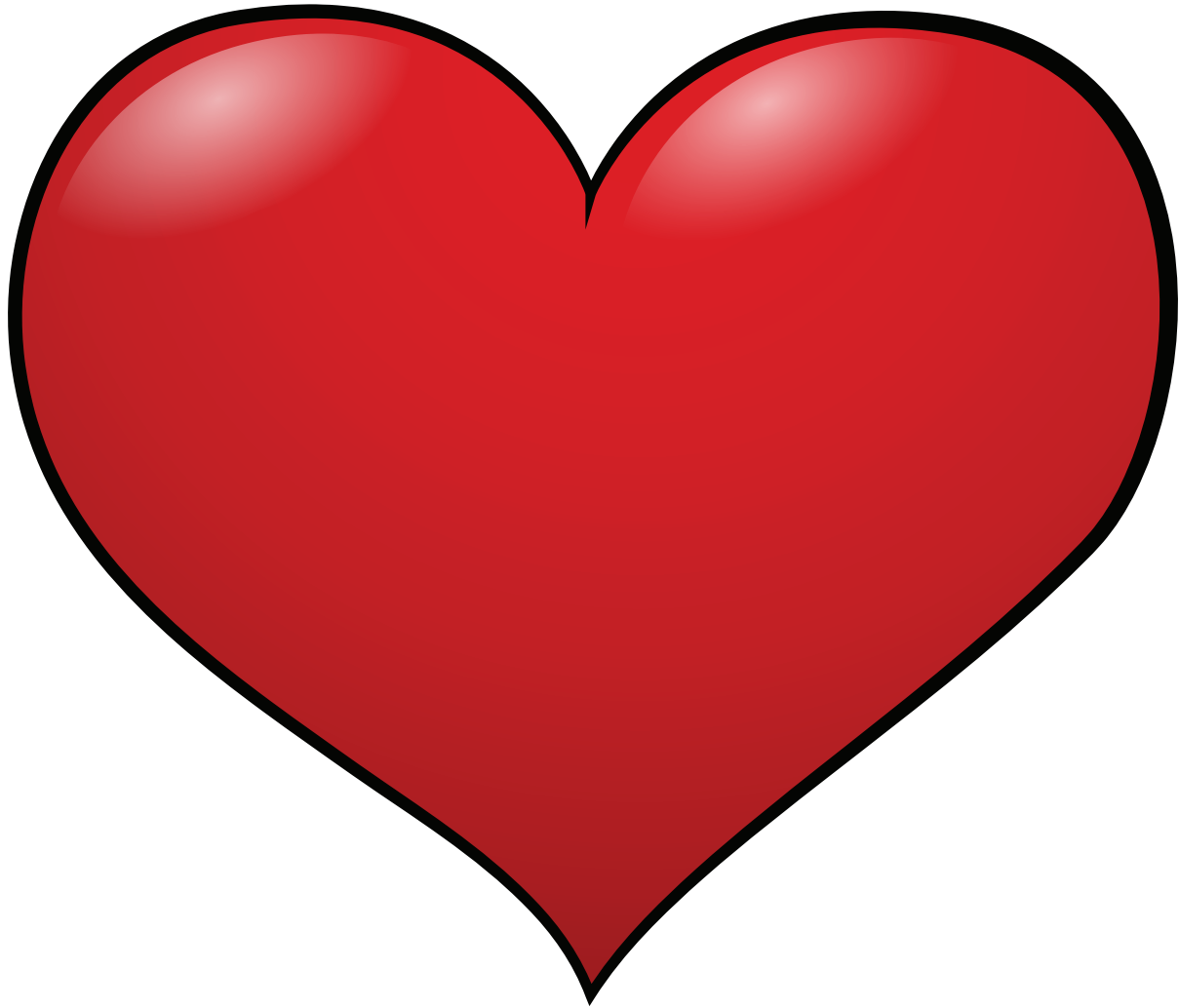
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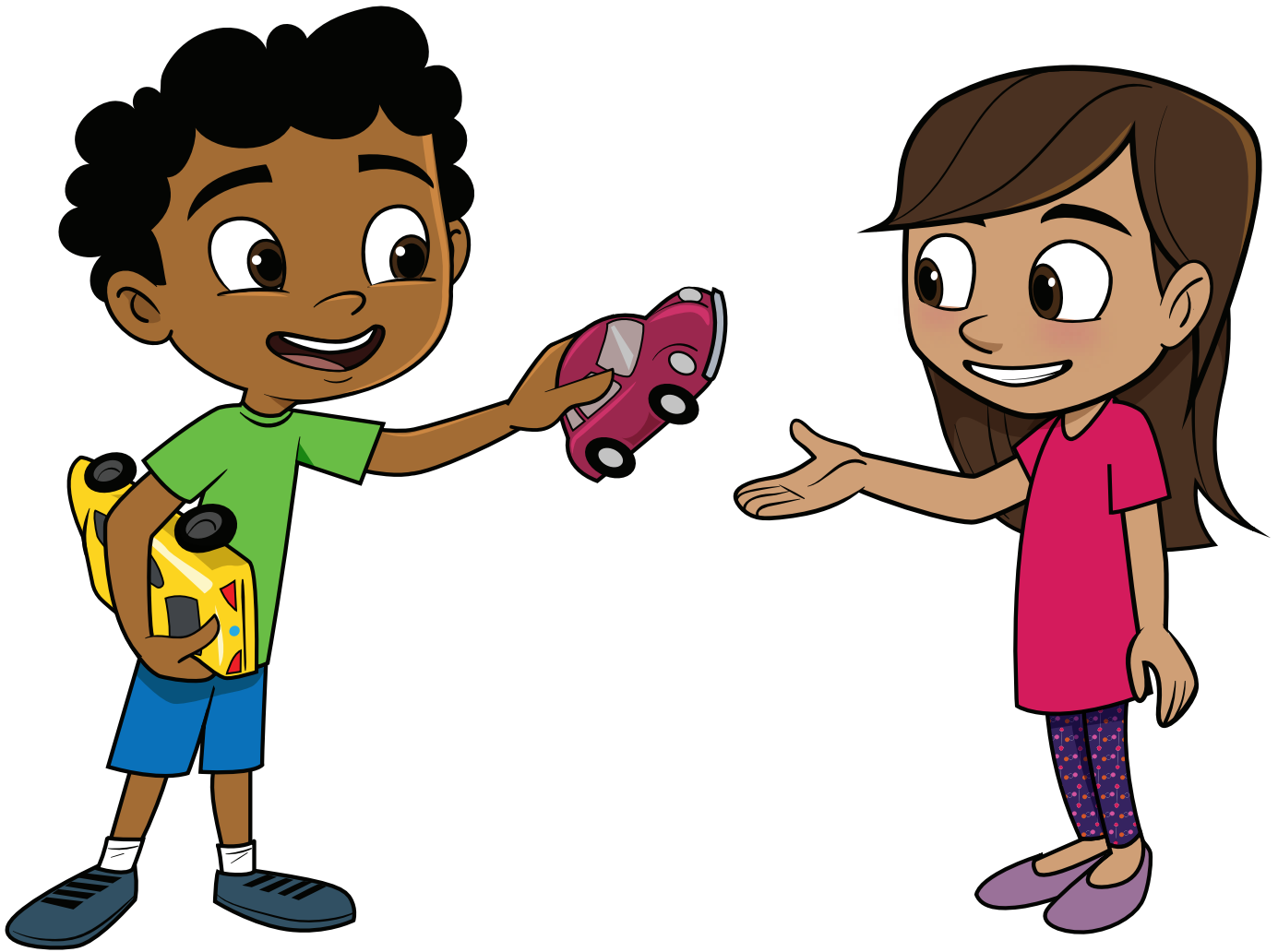
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LEADER: “God, thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, to teach us so many important things. Every friend here is so important to You, God. Thank You for loving us so, so much. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”





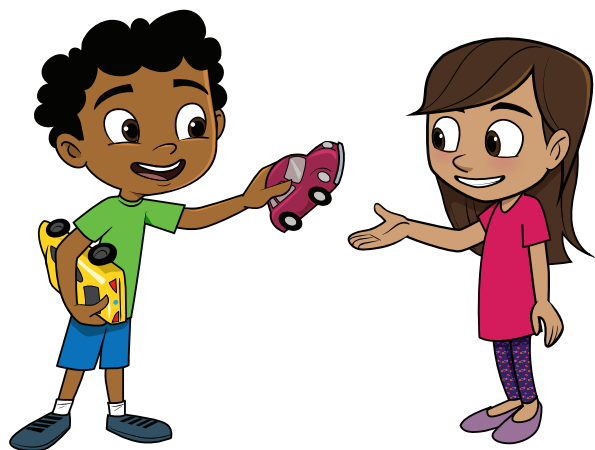
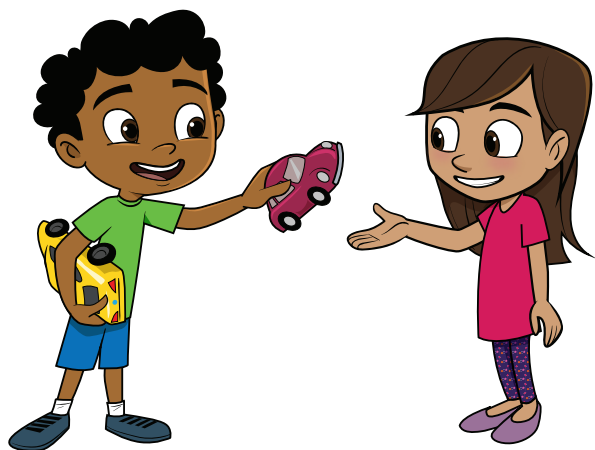






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WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and markers

LEADER: "Hello, friends. I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about the stories Jesus (*draw a picture of stick man Jesus*) tells us to teach us important things.

"The Bible (*lay Bible on the butcher paper*) has many stories in it that Jesus told. He told these stories to teach us important things. Jesus wants you to know that God loves you, no matter what. (*Draw a great big heart.*) Yes, God loves YOU. (*Draw smiley faces around the heart to represent the children in the class, calling them by name as you draw them.*) Jesus wants you to know that you are important to God. Yes, YOU are important to God.

"Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends. (*Draw two smiling stick figure children with toys.*) And Jesus wants you to know you can help others. When a friend falls down, you can help them. (*Draw two stick figure children. Add a bandage to one of the stick figures.*) Jesus teaches us so many important things that help us do the right thing and live a strong life. I am so glad we can read the stories Jesus told in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things.**"



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WHAT YOU NEED: “Fingerprint Frame” Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; washable inkpad in various colors; wet wipes; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Fingerprint Frame” on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to cover the edge of their frame with fingerprints in multiple colors. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “I’m so glad you have a friend like Jesus to teach you important things. Jesus teaches you that God loves you. Yes, you! This is a picture frame that you can put a picture in. Press your fingers on the inkpad then around the edge of your frame. Use all the different colors. (Pause.) These look wonderful!

“God loves you, and you are important to Him. You can share, and you can help. Jesus teaches us so many important things that help us do the right thing and live a strong life. I am so glad we can read the stories Jesus told in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things.**”

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2022, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches us that we can share our stuff.

Bigger Barns • *Acts 2:45; Luke 12:16-21*

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LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so excited to be with you today. Do you know what time it is? It's WORSHIP time! God is awesome and worthy of all our praise. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. I'm SO glad God gave us Jesus to teach us important things. **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "It's true! Jesus is our forever friend. Let's sing this together.

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "I'm so glad that *[Basic Truth]* Jesus wants to be my friend forever. He's always with me. He'll never leave me; this I know for sure! We can count on Him, always. **Who teaches me important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "That's right! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus teaches me important things! The Bible teaches us that 'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say our memory verse together.

Lead children to repeat the memory verse with the motions.

"Great job! When we listen to Jesus' teaching, when we follow Him, we can love like He loves! I'm so glad we're learning all the important things that He teaches us. One more time, **who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "Yes, He does! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends."

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and place it in front of you.

“Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. I know our friends at the Clubhouse can’t wait to tell us more. So, what are we waiting for? Let’s go!”

VIDEO: “*Bigger Barns*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “Jesus told this story to teach us that we can share our stuff. So, tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

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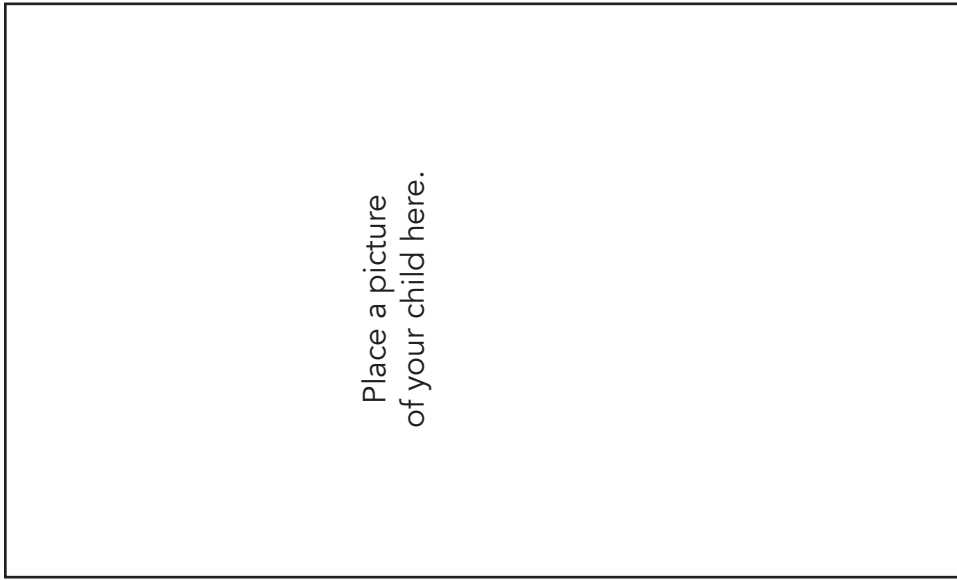
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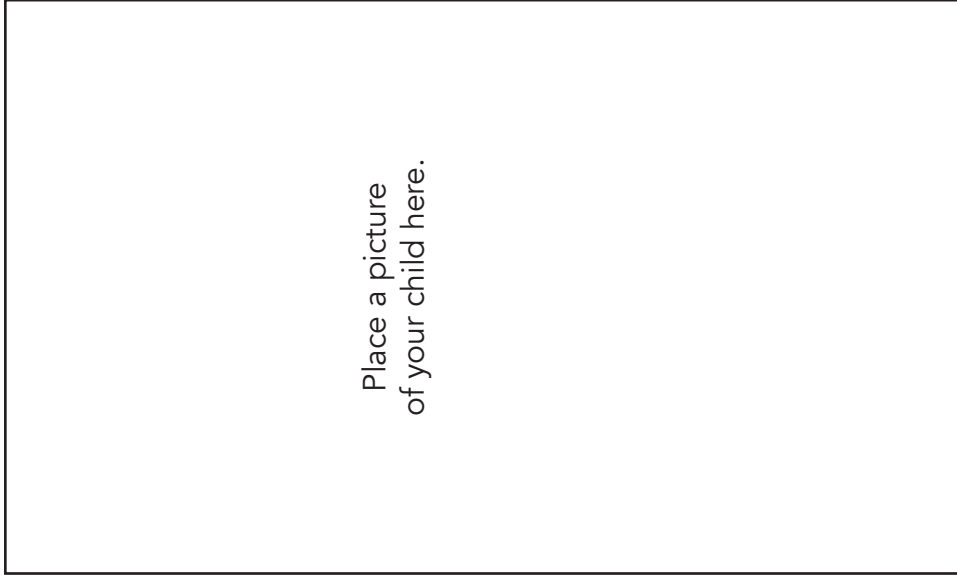
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WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, heart cutout, handheld mirror, and heart stickers (*one per child*)

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible story today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about the important things Jesus teaches us.

"The Bible has many stories in it that Jesus told. He told these stories to teach us important things. Jesus wants you to know that God loves you, no matter what. (*Open the Bible and pull out the heart.*) Yes, God loves YOU. God loves . . . (*Hold the heart in front of each child as you say their name*). Jesus wants you to know that you are important to God. Yes, YOU are important to God. (*Hold up a mirror for each child to see themselves.*) Jesus wants you to know that you can share with your friends. I will share my stickers with you. (*Put a heart sticker on each child.*) Jesus wants you to know you can help others, too. Jesus teaches us so many important things that help us do the right thing (*two thumbs-up*) and live a strong life (*flex biceps*). I am so glad we can read the stories Jesus told in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things."**



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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Jesus and the Happy Crowd" on cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to stamp smiley faces around Jesus. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus teaches us so many important things. In the Bible, it says that the people were amazed at His teaching. On your paper is a picture of Jesus. Use the smiley face stamp to make all the amazed and happy people that heard Jesus teach. *(Pause.)* Super-duper! I'm so glad we can read these stories of what Jesus teaches us in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things."**

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2022, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches us to help others.

Good Samaritan • *Luke 10:25-37*

Memory Verse: "The crowds were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28, NIV

Key Question: Who teaches you important things?

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me important things.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

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LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

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WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Matthew 7:28, NIV.

LEADER: "How is everyone doing today? If you're good, let me hear you say, 'I'm good!'"

CHILDREN: "I'm good!"

LEADER: "Awesome! We've been learning so many important things that Jesus teaches us. He's the best friend ever. He is our forever friend! Stand up and sing this out with me.

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "I'm so thankful to know that Jesus is my friend forever! **Who teaches you important things?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "That's right! [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus teaches me important things!** The Bible teaches us that "The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*)," Matthew 7:28." (*Open hands like a book.*) Say that with me. (*Lead the children to say the memory verse with the motions.*)

LEADER: "Great job! Jesus taught us so many important things. He taught us that God loves us, no matter what; that we are important to God; and that we can share our stuff! I can't wait to hear more today in our Bible story. **Who teaches you important things?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "Jesus teaches me important things."

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to listen to a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and set it in front of you.

“Ollie and our friends at the Clubhouse are ready to share it with us – are you ready to hear it? (*Kids respond*) Great! Let’s go!”

VIDEO: “*Good Samaritan*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “The very important thing Jesus taught us in this story is that we can help everyone. I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] “**Jesus teaches me important things!**”

LEADER: “That’s right! I’m so glad [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus teaches me important things.** Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for the stories like this one Jesus told to remind us to help everyone. Thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things. We want to do what Jesus teaches us and help everyone. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

"The crowds were amazed at His teaching."

Matthew 7:28, NIV



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BIBLE WORDS

“The crowds were amazed at his teaching.”

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

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LUKE 10-15;

MATTHEW 7:24-27

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your toddler classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Game It

CRAFT TIME:

- Full Heart
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STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s okay. They’re still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible and painter’s tape

WHAT YOU DO: Tape a large heart on the floor of your story area.

LEADER: “Hello, friends! Come sit down inside the heart with me. (Pause.) The Bible (*hold up the Bible*) has many stories in it that Jesus told. He told these stories to teach us important things. Jesus wants you to know that God loves YOU (*point to each child*), no matter what. Jesus also wants you to know that you are important to God. Everyone, go stand on the tape. (Pause.) God loves you, and you are important to God. Each of us is important to God. (*Name each child.*) Jesus teaches us that we can share and we can help. Jesus teaches us so many important things that help us do the right thing (*two thumbs-up*) and live a strong life (*flex biceps*). I’m so glad we can read the stories Jesus told in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things.**”



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: “Full Heart” Activity Page; cardstock; dot markers in various colors; wet wipes; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Full Heart” on cardstock, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fill in the heart with the dot markers. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Today, we learned some of the things that Jesus teaches us, like how God loves us, no matter what. Fill in the heart on your paper with the dot markers. (Pause.) Good job! We can read about the things Jesus teaches us in the Bible. **Jesus teaches you important things.**”

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2022, Week 5

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches us how to live.

House on a Rock • *Matthew 7:24-27*

Memory Verse: "The crowds were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28, NIV

Key Question: Who teaches you important things?

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me important things.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

VIDEO: "House on a Rock" from *Wonder*

LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

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House on a Rock • *Matthew 7:24-27*

Memory Verse: "The crowds were amazed at his teaching." *Matthew 7:28*, NIV

Key Question: Who teaches you important things?

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me important things.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at *Matthew 7:28*, NIV.

LEADER: "Hello, everyone! It's so good to see you here today. We've been learning so many important things that Jesus teaches us this month! Jesus is the best friend ever. **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "Yes! He teaches us to love and help and share. He's our forever friend. Stand up and sing this with me!

VIDEO: "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "I love worshipping with you! The Bible teaches us that 'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' *Matthew 7:28*. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say that together. (*Lead the children to say the verse with motions.*)

"Great job, everyone! The crowds were amazed by Jesus' teaching! He's the best friend ever.

[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Let's listen to Jesus because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus teaches us important things. Thanks, friends!"

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to share a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open in front of you.

“Jesus often told stories to teach us important things! You can read the stories He told in the Bible, but today, our friends from the Clubhouse are here to tell one to us. Let’s join them now!”

VIDEO: “House on a Rock” from Wonder

LEADER: “I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] “Jesus teaches me important things!”

LEADER: (*Point to the children on one side of the group.*) “This side, tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] “Jesus teaches me important things.”

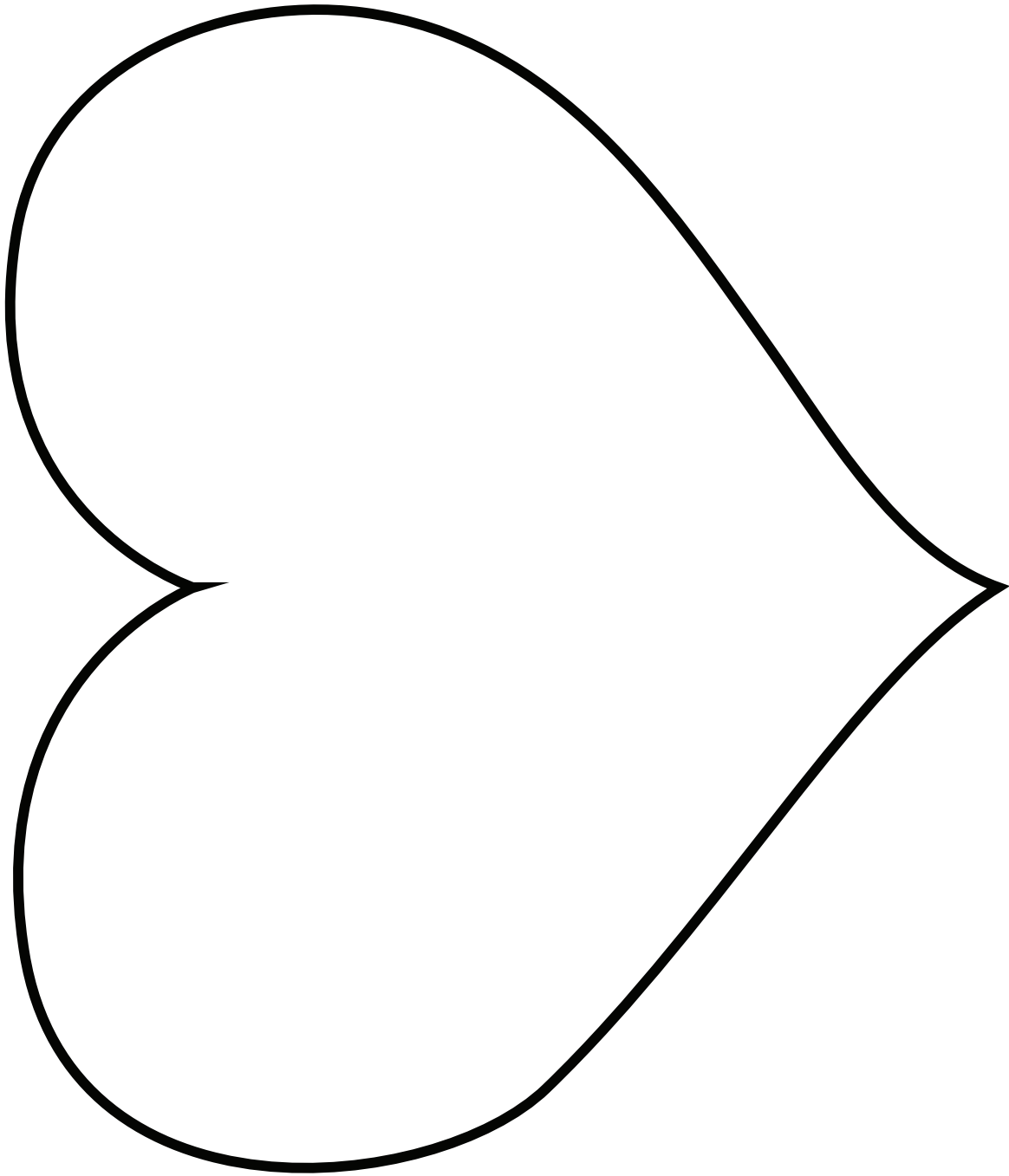
LEADER: (*Point to the children on the other side of the group.*) “Now this side, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] “Jesus teaches me important things.”

LEADER: “That’s right! Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, thank You for loving us SO, SO much that You sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You for all the wonderful things He teaches us. Help us love everyone because everyone is important to You. Help us share and help and live like Jesus. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



Jesus teaches you important things.
Luke 12:16-21; Matthew 7:24-27