



JUNE 2022

# TODDLERS

STARTER—WEEK ONE

## BIBLE WORDS

"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NLT**

We Love Because  
God Loves Us

**1 JOHN 4:9-13**

## BOTTOM LINE

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## BASIC TRUTH

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## STORY TIME:

- Tell It

## CRAFT TIME:

- Fingerprint Love
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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible

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"God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Jesus came to do amazing things and show us how God wants us to live and love others. No matter where Jesus went or what He was doing, Jesus stopped to show others He loved them. You can love like Jesus when you listen, help, and forgive your friends. Jesus can help you love everyone.

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Fingerprint Love" Activity Page; cardstock; washable inkpads; wet wipes; and a permanent marker

### WHAT YOU DO:

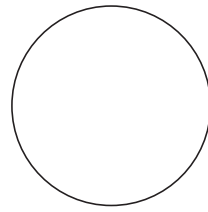
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Fingerprint Love" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children ink their thumb and on the two circles, press it down angled to the left. Re-ink and press their thumb down to the right making a "v" or heart shape. Help children clean their hands.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

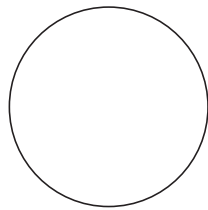
**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, you learned that God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be your friend forever. Jesus came to show us how God wants us to live and love others.

"Let's make a heart with your thumb. (*Hold up your thumb.*) Show me your thumb. (*Pause.*) Great! Let's press your thumb down on the inkpad and now on these circles on your paper. (*First, press to the left.*) Let's get some more ink on your thumb and complete the hearts. (*Press thumb to the right, completing the V or heart.*) Look at the hearts! Hearts mean love. Your paper says (*point to the words as you read*), 'We love because God loves us.' Jesus can help you love others. Jesus can help you do everything. **Jesus can help you do everything.**"



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**CRAFT TIME:**

- Hearts All Around
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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible and "Story Pictures" Activity Page copied on 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*) starts with God. God loves you so much. (*Hold up the heart picture.*) God loves us so much that He gave us a very special present. (*Hold up the present picture.*) God gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Jesus was born on the very first Christmas. (*Hold up the picture of Baby Jesus.*)

"Jesus grew up to do amazing things and show us how God wants us to live and love others. (*Hold up the picture of older Jesus.*) No matter where Jesus went or what He was doing (*hold up the picture of Zacchaeus, the crowd, and Peter*), Jesus stopped to show others He loved them. (*Hold up the heart picture.*) You can love like Jesus when you listen, help, and forgive your friends. Jesus can help you love everyone. **Jesus can help you do everything.**"



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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Hearts All Around" Activity Page; cardstock; washable ink pads in various colors; wet wipes; and a pen

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Hearts All Around" Activity Page on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to use their fingerprints to fill in the hearts on their paper.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at all the hearts on your paper. Hearts mean love, and we can love because God loves us. Press your fingertips in the ink and fill in the hearts on your paper. (Pause.) Super job, friends! God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus came to do amazing things and show us how God wants us to live and love others. **Jesus can help you do everything.**"



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Story Pictures (1 of 5) • *Show It* • June Week 2

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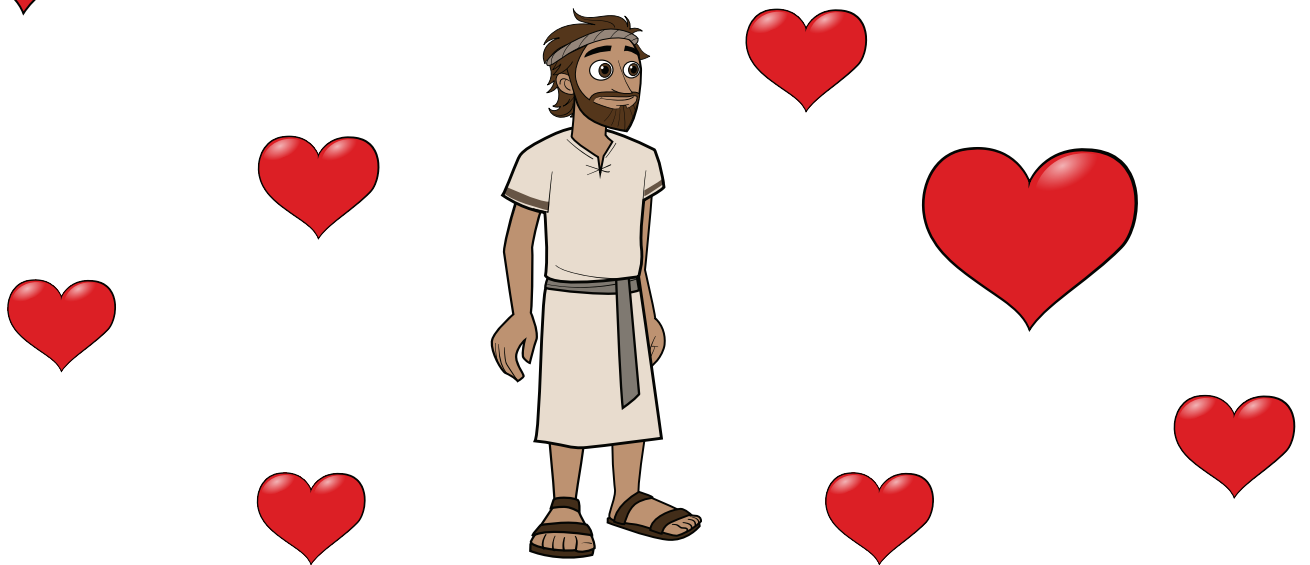
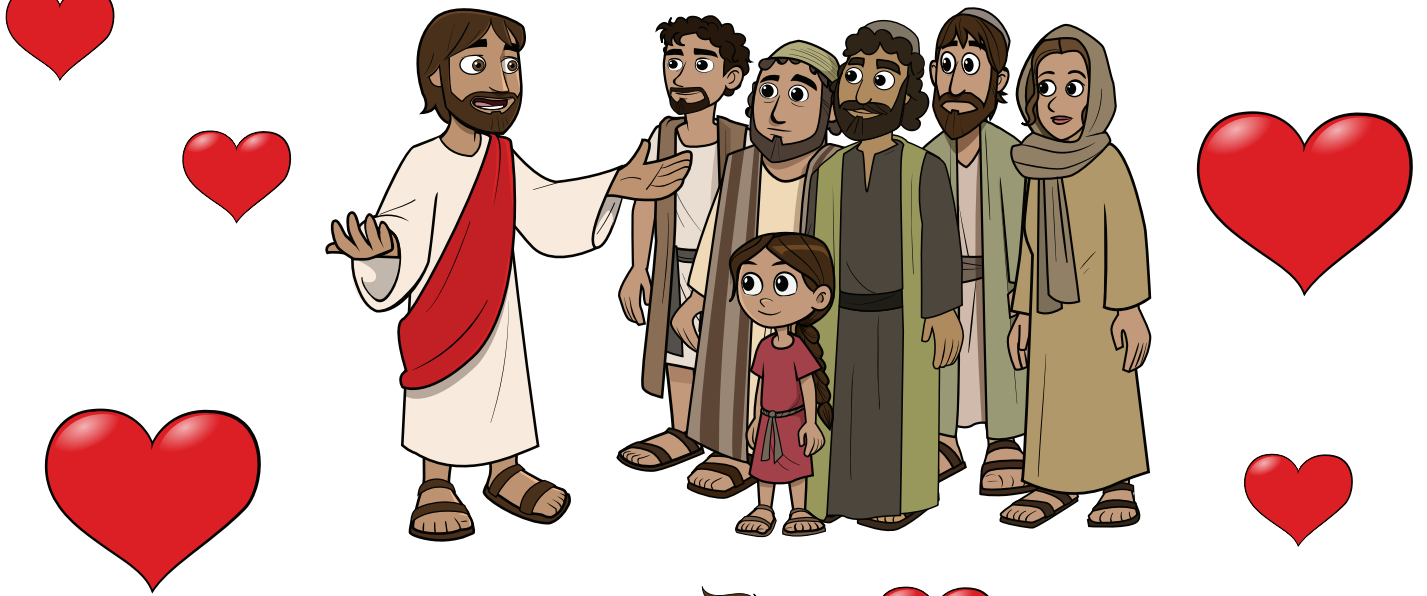
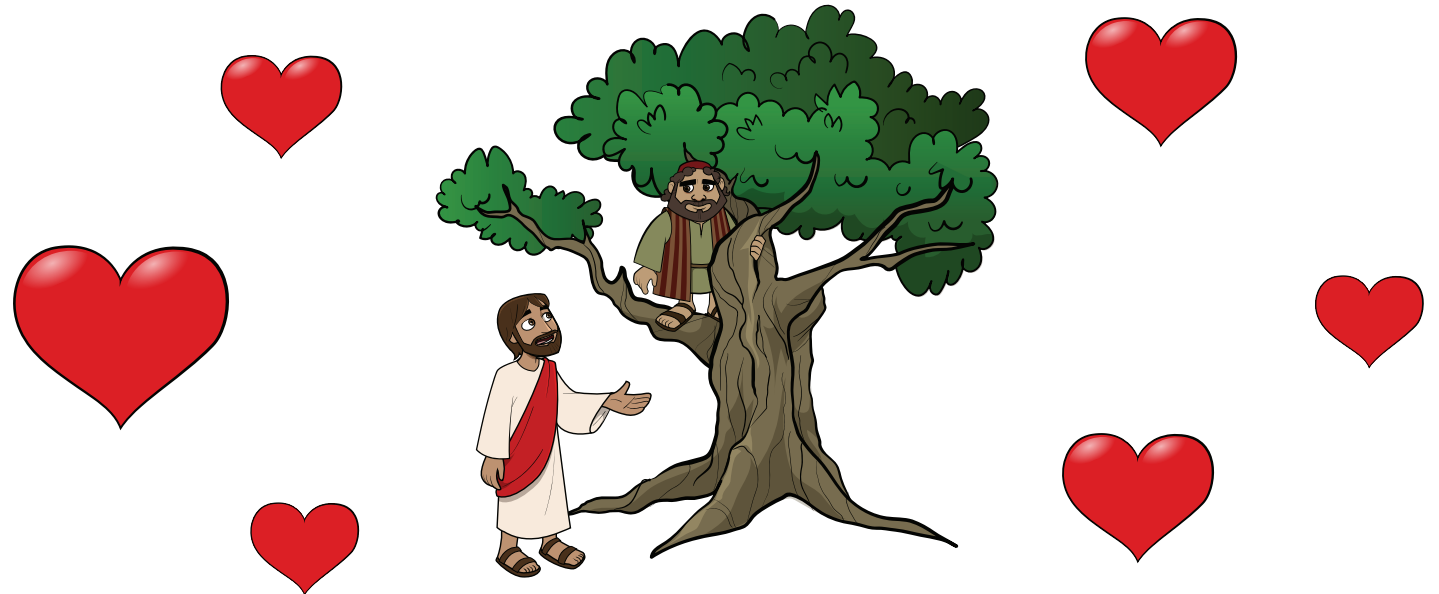
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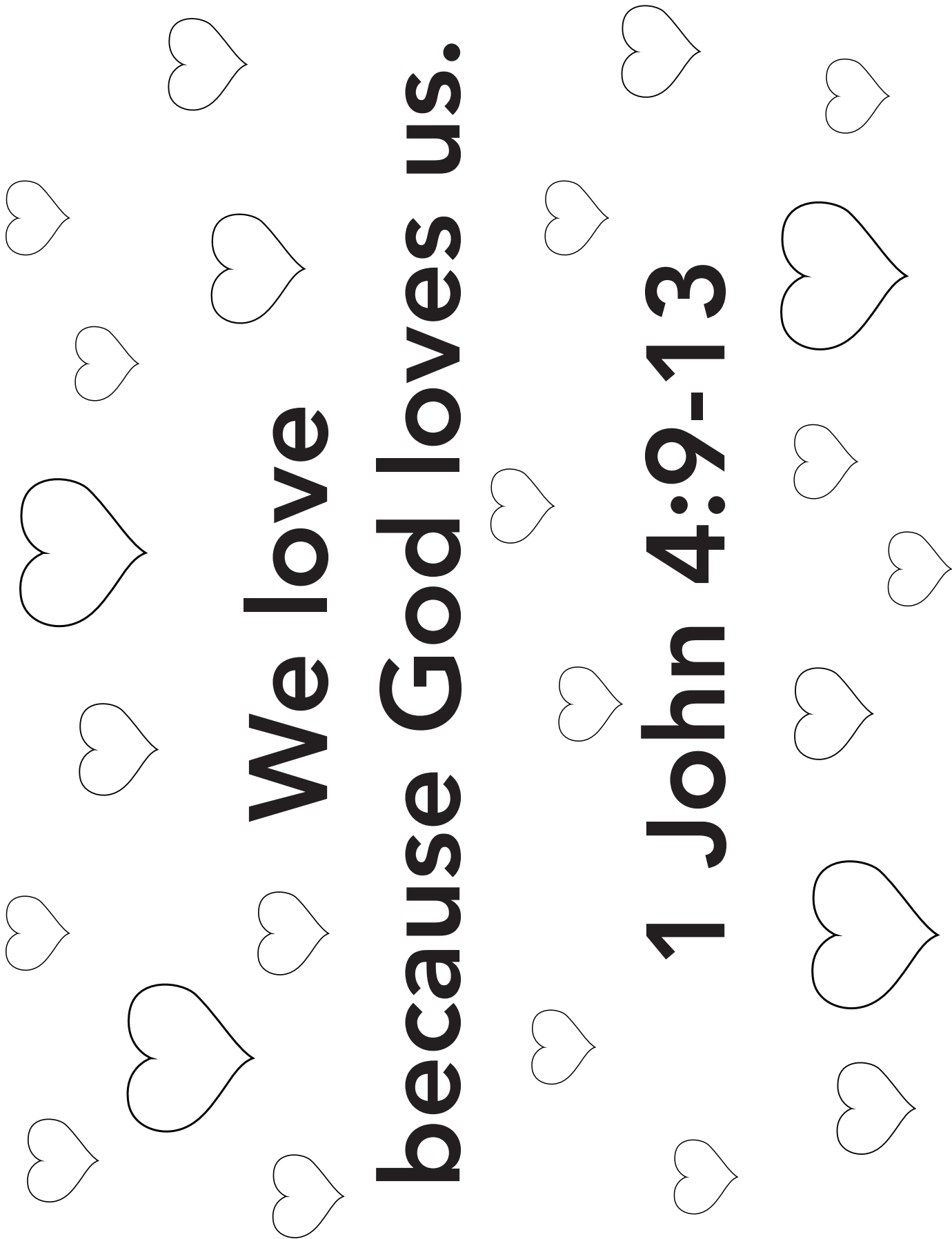












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- Draw It

### CRAFT TIME:

- Friend Forever Frame
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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*) starts with God. God loves you so much. (*Draw a giant heart.*) He loves you bigger than your arms can stretch wide. (*Draw long arms coming out of the heart.*) God loves us so much that He gave us a very special present. (*Draw a big present with a bow.*) God gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Jesus was born on the very first Christmas. (*Draw a picture of Baby Jesus in the manger.*)

"Jesus grew up to do amazing things. (*Draw a picture of older stick man Jesus.*) Jesus shows us how God wants us to live and love others. No matter where Jesus went or what He was doing, Jesus stopped to show others He loved them. (*Draw lots of stick people and hearts all over.*) You can love like Jesus when you listen, help, and forgive your friends. Jesus can help you love everyone. (*Draw a stick man Jesus holding out a hand with a heart in it.*)

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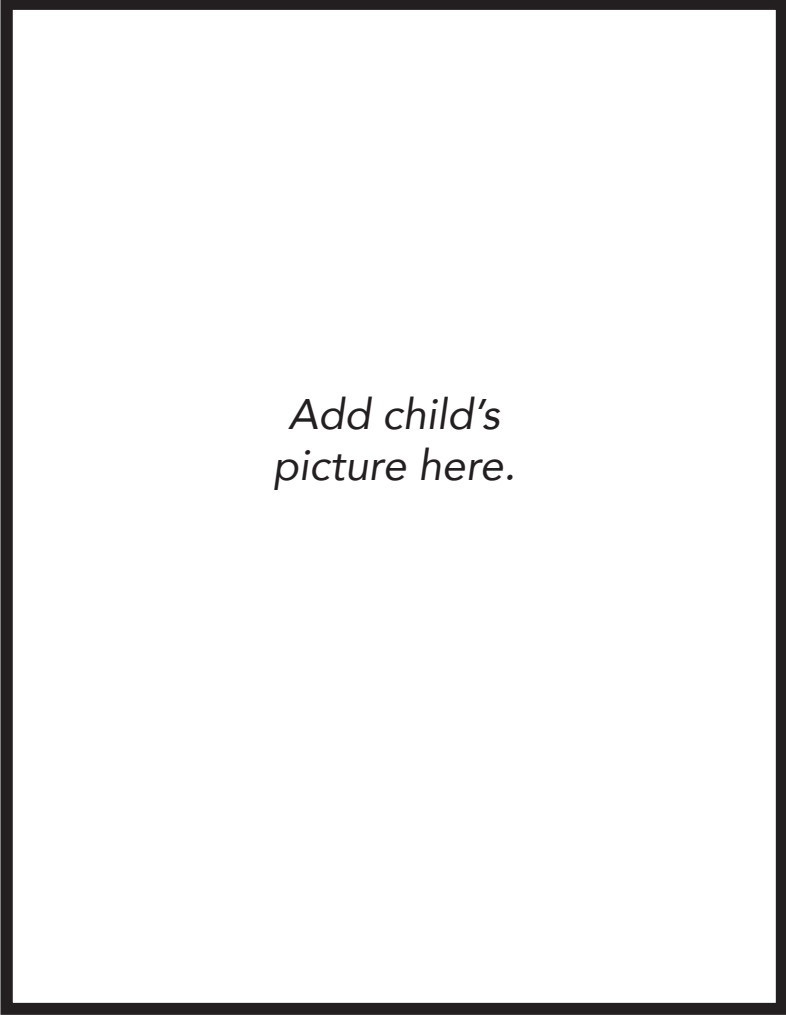
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Friend Forever Frame" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name in the blank on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to add smiley face stamps all around the frame. Clean hands as needed.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, we heard God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. On your paper is a frame, and you will make it special by adding smiley face stamps all around it. Press your stamp on the ink pad, then press it all over your frame. (Pause.) Nice job! Down here on your frame, it says, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever.' When you get home, you can add a picture of yourself. **Jesus can help you do everything.**"





*Add child's  
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**CRAFT TIME:**

- Handprint Heart
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**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*) starts with God. God loves you so much. Stretch your arms out as wide as you can. (*Pause.*) Great job! That's really wide, but guess what? God loves you bigger than that!

"God loves us so much He gave us a very special present. (*Make a heart with your hands.*) Can you make a heart shape with your hands? (*Pause.*) Great job! God gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Jesus was born on the very first Christmas. Can you pretend to hold a baby in your arms and gently rock it back and forth? (*Pause.*) Nice! But Jesus didn't stay a baby, He grew up to do amazing things and show us how God wants us to live and love others. Walk with me. (*Walk to different places in the room.*) No matter where Jesus went or what He was doing, Jesus stopped to show others that He loved them. Make the heart shape with your hands. (*Pause.*) Great job! You can love like Jesus when you listen (*point to your ears*), help, and forgive your friends. (*Hug yourself.*) Jesus can help you love everyone.  
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**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Handprint Heart" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** The leader helps ink one hand at a time. Ink the left and angle their hand a little to the left with the thumb in the center. Clean hand and ink the right. Angle the right hand to the right so the thumbs are overlapping the pointer fingers to create a heart shape. Clean hand.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. That's a big love. Let's make a heart with our handprints.

"We'll ink your left hand first and place it on your paper at a little bit of an angle. *(Pause.)* Let's clean that hand and ink the right hand. *(Pause.)* Now we'll angle the right hand and press it down slightly over the other handprint. *(Pause.)* Let's clean that hand. *(Pause.)* Look at the heart your hands made! Beautiful! **Jesus can help you do everything.**"

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