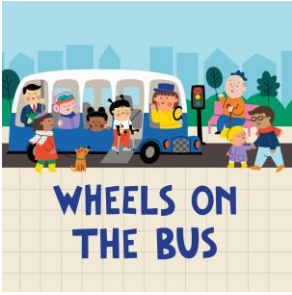


Who Does Jesus Love?

Jesus Loves Everyone!



Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 1 • Feb 1/2/3
Side 1 • Small Group # 1
15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you have ever been on a bus before.*
- *Raise your hand if you have ever been in a car or a truck that was on a bumpy road.*



Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Today, we are going to hear a story about how Jesus loved everyone and asked lots of different people to be his friends.*

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- Turn to Page 310 and 311 and show your Group the pictures.
- *Jesus asked lots of people with different jobs to be his friends.*
- Turn to the next page and show your Group the picture.
- *Jesus had so many friends. He taught them all about God's love!*



Pray: *Dear Jesus, thank you for loving (list the name of each kid in your Group). We know you love everyone. Thank you for that truth! Amen.*



Take out the Bucket and Toy Fish.

- Give every kid a Toy Fish or ask them to share if there isn't enough.

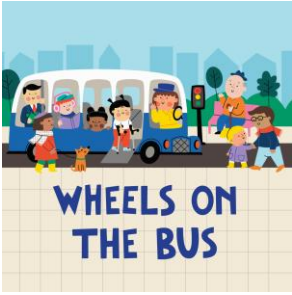
Say:

- *Jesus had so many friends and they were all different. He was friends with girls, boys, tax collectors, people who made food, furniture, soldiers, and fishermen!*
- *Let's try to toss our toy Fish into the Bucket.*
- *If you get your fish in, shout, "Jesus Loves Everyone!"*

Continue the activity until Large Group.

Who Does Jesus Love?

Jesus Loves Everyone!



Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 1 • Feb 1/2/3
Side 2 • Snack Time
10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide a snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids get picked up, in front of their family, **ask**:

- *Who does Jesus love?*
- Prompt them to reply, *"Jesus Loves Everyone!"*



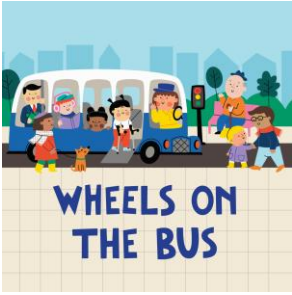
PRO TIP

Toddlers are just beginning to learn what it means to be a friend to others. As you notice kids playing well next to each other, sharing a toy, or using kind words with others, celebrate it! Say something like, "Wow Max, you are being a great friend to Erin!" or "I love how nicely you are playing with the kitchen toys Rowan and Emily!"

Love each other in the same way I have loved you. John 15:12

Who Does Jesus Love?

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 2 • Feb 8/9/10
Side 1 • Small Group # 1
15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to play with your friends.
- Raise your hand if you like to dance with your friends.



Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today, we are going to hear a story about how Jesus loved everyone and asked lots of different people to be his friends.

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- Turn to Page 310 and 311 and show your Group the pictures.
- Jesus asked lots of people with different jobs to be his friend.
- Turn to the next page and show your Group the picture.
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Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving (list the name of each kid in your Group). We know you love everyone. Thank you for that truth! Amen.



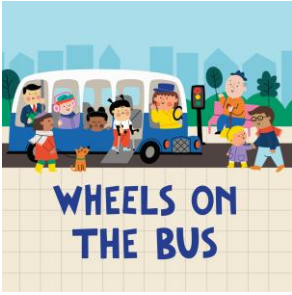
Take out the large bottle of Bubbles.

- **Say:** I am going to blow some bubbles. When you pop a bubble, I want you to shout, "Jesus Loves Everyone!"
- Have fun blowing bubbles and letting kids pop them. Continue encouraging them to shout, "Jesus Loves Everyone!" as they pop.

Continue the activity until Large Group.

Who Does Jesus Love?

Jesus Loves Everyone!



Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 2 • Feb 8/9/10
Side 2 • Snack Time
10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide a snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Give each kid a small bottle of bubbles as they leave. Encourage them to share their bubbles with friends and family and remind them that Jesus loves everyone!

- 1 small bottle of bubbles, at the door



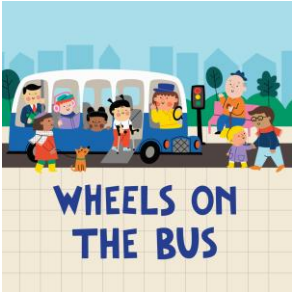
PRO TIP

Sometimes it can be hard to keep toddlers focused during Small Group time. If you notice kids beginning to get distracted, add some excitement to your story and activity. Use different voices and volumes while telling the Bible Story, allow different kids to lead the activity, or practice saying the memory verse while marching, skipping, or crawling.

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 3 • Feb 15/16/17
Side 1 • Small Group # 1
15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you got a Valentine's Day card.
- Raise your hand if you got Valentine's Day candy.



Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today, we are going to hear a story about how Jesus loved everyone and asked lots of different people to be his friends.

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- Turn to Page 310 and 311 and show your Group the pictures.
- Jesus asked lots of people with different jobs to be his friend.
- Turn to the next page and show your Group the picture.
- Jesus had so many friends. He taught them all about God's love!



Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving (list the name of each kid in your Group). We know you love everyone. Thank you for that truth! Amen.



Take out the Heart Matching Card Set.

- **Say:** Let's celebrate Valentine's Day and play a special party game all about how Jesus loves everyone!
- Show the pictures of the hearts to the Group and how each side of the heart is on a separate Card. Let them know that you will flip their picture side down in the middle of your Group and they will have to find matches making a complete heart.
- If this is too tricky, you can leave the pictures facing up and ask them to find the match.
- Whenever a match has been made, lead your Group to shout, "Jesus Loves Everyone!"

Continue the activity until Large Group.

Who Does Jesus Love?

Jesus Loves Everyone!



Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 3 • Feb 15/16/17
Side 2 • Snack Time
10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide a snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids get picked up, in front of their family, **ask:**

- *Who does Jesus love?*
- Prompt them to reply, *"Jesus Loves Everyone!"*



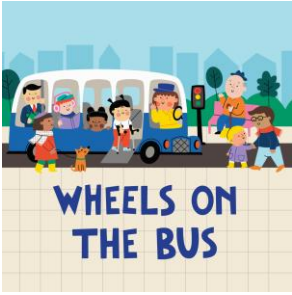
PRO TIP

You can make this week's activity personal for the kids in your group. Notice the names of the people and loved ones in each of their lives. Then, tell them that Jesus loves them! When you say the name of a kid's sibling, mention their parent, or recognize their pet, kids will feel seen and known!

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Who Does Jesus Love?

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 4 • Feb 22/23/24
Side 1 • Small Group # 1
15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if your friends that all look different.
- Raise your hand if your friends all act different.



Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today, we are going to hear a story about how Jesus loved everyone and asked lots of different people to be his friends.

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- Turn to Page 310 and 311 and show your Group the pictures.
- Jesus asked lots of people with different jobs to be his friend.
- Turn to the next page and show your Group the picture.
- Jesus had so many friends. He taught them all about God's love!



Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving (list the name of each kid in your Group). We know you love everyone. Thank you for that truth! Amen.



Take out the Jesus Loves Everyone Coloring Page.

- Have kids color the picture with their favorite colors
- As they color, review the Bible Story with your Group

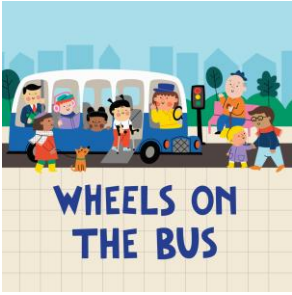
Say:

- I am so thankful that Jesus loves everyone. I am going to try to remember that Jesus loves me whenever I am wondering who loves me.
- Jesus showed us how to be like God and love everyone the way God does.
- Jesus loves everyone and we can too! He showed us how!
- Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!

Continue the activity until Large Group.

Who Does Jesus Love?

Jesus Loves Everyone!



Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 4 • Feb 22/23/24
Side 2 • Snack Time
10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide a snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

- Jesus Loves Everyone Coloring Page



PRO TIP

Some toddlers love to color, while others may not be as interested. It is ok if a kid does not want to fully complete their coloring page. When they let you know they are done coloring, continue to engage them in the Bottom Line by reading the Bible Story with them and practicing the memory verse motions together!

Love each other in the same way I have loved you. John 15:12