



Who Loves You?

Jesus Loves Me!

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • January 31/February 1/2

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Preschoolers 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!"



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather have chewy or crunchy candy?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.

Read:

- Jesus And The Children: Page 409

Review:

- Have you ever wished that you were older?
- What do you want to do when you are older?
- Turn to page 411.
- Jesus told his friends, who were grown-ups, "You must become like these little children if you want to enter God's kingdom."
- What did Jesus think the kids were doing right and grown-ups were doing wrong? Ex. Kids are good at learning about Jesus, just like what you are doing right now! Kids are good at trusting grown-ups just like grown-ups should trust God.

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Matthew 19:14



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Ask if anyone has anything they would like to pray about before you pray.

Pray: *Dear Jesus, our story today shows us how much you love us, ESPECIALLY children. Please help us always remember this story and remember what is good about being a child. Amen.*



Take out the Foam Heart and Kids Around The World Card Set.

- Give every kid one Card from the set. Place the Foam Heart in the center of your Group.
- Let kids take turns putting one card on the foam heart and telling the kid on their card Jesus loves you.
- After everyone has a turn, **Say:** *All the children in our heart look so different from each other! Jesus loves each and every one!*
- Shuffle the cards and play again.



Give every kid a Sweet Treats Placemat.

Say: *Get ready, friends! This is your special activity placemat—your super sweet spot! Color, circle, wiggle your fingers, and have fun... because this mat is made just for YOU!*

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Sweet Treats Placemat (1 per kid, in Small Group)

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PRO TIP

Once you have played the activity once, try it a different way. You can add a time element, competitive edge, or a personal touch by having kids share one nice thing about the person who found the heart. This helps them to feel seen, known, and loved by their friends and Leaders.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *If you could make a NEW candy, what would it taste like?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.*

Read:

- The Lost Sheep: Page 391

Review:

- *What happened to the little sheep in the story?*
- *Did the shepherd give up or keep looking?*
- *Who helps to take care of you like the shepherd took care of his sheep?*

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Ask if anyone has anything they would like to pray about before you pray.

Pray: *Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us. We know that we are never lost; your love is everywhere we go. Amen.*



Take out the Cotton Rounds and scatter them around the floor. Make sure that the one Cotton Round with the Heart has the heart facing down to the floor so no one can see it.

- *Remember how in our story Jesus said God is like a shepherd who goes looking for their lost sheep? We are going to pretend these cotton rounds are sheep. One of them has a heart sticker on the other side.*
- Let kids select a sheep cotton round. Identify who found the sheep with the heart. Celebrate when the sheep with the heart is found.
- *Jesus loves us the same way a shepherd loves his sheep. I'm so glad that Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you. Who loves you?*
- Spread out the cotton rounds and play again.



Ask:

- *Who used their Placemat last week?*
- *What did you draw?*
- *Did you talk to your parents about it?*

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Sweet Treats Placemat (1 per kid who didn't previously receive, at the door)

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Week 3 • February 14/15/16

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PRO TIP

Make the most of your Small Group time by getting to know the kids in your group! Ask them questions about their favorite snack, which movies they enjoy watching, or what pet they would like to have. Getting to know these small things helps the kids in your group know that you care for them, and makes it easier for them to share their big emotions.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather have chocolate or sour candy?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.*

Read:

- Mary And Martha: Page 385

Review:

- *Who were the two sisters in this story?*
- *Why do you think Jesus said Mary chose the better thing?*
- *What does it mean to spend time with Jesus?*

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PRAY

Ask if anyone has anything they would like to pray about before you pray.

Pray: *Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much and wanting to spend time with us. Help us find ways to spend time with you. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Say: *We are going to do a craft to help us remember how Jesus loves us.*

- Take the clear Jesus Sticker and remove it from the backing.
- Stick the Sticker to the Cardboard outline.
- Prepare one sticker on the cardboard outline for each child.
- Place the colorful Tissue Paper in the center of the table and allow them to fill in the Jesus sticker with the tissue paper.
- After kids are done filling in the Jesus sticker, attach a String to the top.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *Where are you going to put your Jesus Suncatcher?*
- *Make sure you remember how much Jesus loves you whenever you see it!*

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TAKE HOME

- Jesus Suncatcher (1 per kid, made in Small Group)

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Week 4 • February 21/22/23

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PRO TIP

Remembering the Memory Verse can be difficult for some kids. Try to put the words of the verse to the tune of a familiar song, like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Practice singing part of the verse for your group before inviting them to sing along. This helps to make memorizing scripture easier, memorable, and more fun for kids!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *If candy could talk, what do you think it would say?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Every month we learn a Memory Verse. Learning verses helps us remember how much God loves us. When you remember a verse, you're keeping God close to you.
- It is our last week to memorize our Memory Verse this month. Let's get it down so that when we see it in our video we can say it loud and proud!

Review:

- Have kids pass the Bean Bag around the circle for every word in the Memory Verse.

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PRAY

Pray: Dear Jesus, we know that you do not want to punish us. You want to love us. Thank you for showing us how much you love us in our Bible story today. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Say: We heard a story today about woman who Jesus loved even though she did something that God didn't want her to do. Let's play a game where we might make a mistake, but even if we make a mistake, who loves you? Jesus loves me!

Take out the Cups and Snowball.

- Give every kid a Snow Cone Cup.
- Take out the Snowball place it on your cup. Show kids how it looks just like an ice cream cone!
- Pass the snowball to the kid sitting beside you without touching the snowball. Instruct kids to continue passing the snowball around the circle, only using the cup to pass it.
- If the ball drops, ask "Who loves you?" kids should respond with "Jesus loves me!" Let them pick up the snowball and continue playing.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Say:

- This week, be loud with love! Look for chances to tell someone, 'Jesus loves you!'—because those three words can change a whole day.
- Who do you know that could use the reminder that Jesus loves them?

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TAKE HOME

Prompt kids to share the Memory Verse with their families as they leave

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