



Who Does Jesus Care About?

Jesus Cares About Everyone

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • May 2/3/4

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids feel safe when someone friendly is by their side, showing them the ropes. And they have the most fun when they feel like they belong—when they're part of a community that's full of energy, kindness, and joy. Let's create a place where every kid can't wait to come back—because they felt loved, had a blast, and met people who truly cared.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather drive a fire truck or a police car?*
- *Can you show me how a firefighter sprays water?*

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Have you ever needed help? In today's story, some people knew the very best person to ask for help—Jesus!*

Read:

- Two Miracles: Pg 340

Review:

- *Who needed Jesus' help?*
- *How did Jesus help?*
- *Did Jesus help the same way for each person? (No!) Jesus loves each of us in different ways and helps us exactly how we need help.*

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BIBLE



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Ask kids to name one person in their life who they love. Then **pray:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for all the people we care about. We know you care about them too because you love everyone. Amen.*



Give every kid a Villages Towns Countryside Activity Page. Take out the Dice.

- Point out the 'Start' square and the 'Finish' square to your Group.
- Explain that you will roll the Dice, and kids will color the number of squares that you roll starting at the 'Start' square.
- Continue rolling and instructing kids how many squares to color as they fill their path.
- In between turns, talk about all the places Jesus visited in his journeys (Ex: *Jesus was on boats, he visited churches, he went to people's houses*). Remind kids that no matter where Jesus went, he cared for everyone he met.
- Once all the squares are colored, kids can color the rest of their Page.



Ask:

- *Who do you think needs the most love from Jesus?*
- *Who cares for everyone no matter what?*

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Villages Towns Countryside Activity Page (1 per kid, in Small Group)

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PRO TIP

Let's go the extra mile to make sure every new kid feels seen, safe, and celebrated from the moment they walk in. Make sure they get their first-time kid resources, and help them feel comfortable by staying close, introducing them to others, and letting them know what to expect next.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather help animals like a vet or help sick people like a doctor?*
- *Can you show me how a doctor listens to a heartbeat?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible and Magnifying Glass.

Say: We are learning all about how Jesus helps us. Let's go on a scavenger hunt in our Bible to find pictures of Jesus helping people.

Read: Give each kid a Magnifying Glass to help them on their Bible scavenger hunt. Help your Group look at the pictures in the Bible to find examples of Jesus helping people.

Here are some good ones to check out:

- *Page 318: Look at Jesus helping people learn.*
- *Page 332: Jesus is helping this man feel better!*
- *Page 361: Jesus is helping feed hungry people.*
- *Page 390: Jesus is helping this girl be nice to her friend.*

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Pray: *Dear Jesus, thank you for {list the names of the kids in your Group}. We know you care about all of us every day and everywhere we are. We love you, too. Amen.*



Say: *In our story today, Jesus helped a woman stand up straight and tall by only a touch. We are going to stand our Jenga blocks up straight and tall!*

- Let kids take turns lining their Blocks up like Dominoes.
- When all the Blocks are lined up, let kids take turns knocking the line down.
- You can add variety by:
 - Ask the kid who will be knocking the line down to share the Bottom Line or Memory Verse.
 - Allow the Group to count them down before knocking it down.



Ask:

- *Does Jesus care for kids like you?*
- *How do you feel when someone loves you?*

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As kids get picked up, ask them to share the Bottom Line or Memory Verse with their grown ups.

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PRO TIP

Kids will be more engaged, excited, and willing to learn when they feel seen and known. Take the time in Small Group to ask kids about their week, learn what they enjoy doing, and have fun together! This helps to form trusting relationships and open their hearts to experience God.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather deliver mail like a mail carrier or drive a big bus like a bus driver?*
- *Who brings letters and packages to your house?*

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Raise your hand if you can think of a person that wasn't nice to you. Jesus loves everyone! Let's read a story to show that's true!*

Read:

- A Short Man: Page 413

Review:

- *If you wanted to see Jesus and couldn't, would you climb a tree too?*
- *What is the tallest tree you have ever climbed?*
- *Do you like climbing trees?*

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Pray: *Dear Jesus, we know we have all done wrong things just like Zaccheaus in our story today. Thank you for forgiving us and loving us no matter what. You are the best. Amen.*



Give every kid an Airplane Toy.

- Play Simon Says using the Airplane Toy.
- *Simon says fly your airplane high in the sky - Jesus watches over everyone from above.*
- *Simon says land your airplane gently on the ground - Jesus helps people feel safe.*
- *Simon says make your airplane go slow and steady - Jesus is patient with everyone.*
- *Simon says swoop your airplane to someone near you - Jesus brings love to others.*
- *Simon says spin your airplane around - Jesus brings joy to everyone.*
- *Simon says hug your airplane tight - Jesus cares for people who feel sad or scared.*
- *Simon says fly your airplane forward to help a friend - Jesus helps us help others.*
- *Simon says pretend your airplane is delivering food to someone hungry - Jesus cares for people in need*



Ask:

- *Who can you show Jesus' love to today?*
- *If Jesus was here with us today, what would he do?*

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Airplane Toy (1 per kid, in Small Group)

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Week 4 • May 23/24/25

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PRO TIP

For some kids, praying for others can feel uncomfortable. As a group, talk about the ways they can pray for others. Whether it is drawing a prayer in a journal, singing a prayer aloud, or praying quietly using a prayer created in the group, encourage kids to pray. Share about how much God wants to hear from them!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Do you know someone who helps people at their job?
- Who is it and what do they do?

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- The Bible is full of stories that are so special. Every month we work to memorize a couple words from the Bible so we will always remember how much Jesus loves us!
- Practice the Verse a couple of times with your Group.
- Play Simon Says with your Group using the Bible and practice the Verse.
 - Ex. **Say:** Simon says put your Bible on your head. Then, have them recite the Memory Verse.
 - Ex. **Say:** Simon says put your Bible behind your back. Then have them recite the Memory Verse.



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Pray: *Does anyone know a person who lives far away? Jesus loves people who live all across the world. Let's pray for them. Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us no matter where we live. Please be with our friends and family who live all over the world and help us care for them too! We love you. Amen*



Instruct your Group to sit in a circle. Lay the Community Helpers Card Set out face down.

- The first kid will flip cards over until they find a match.
- Once they find a match, talk as a Group about who that person is and how they help our community.
- Have the next kid take a turn finding a match and talking as a Group about that helper.



Ask:

- *How can we show Jesus' love to our friends at school or at home?*
- *What does it look like when we care for everyone like Jesus?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



- Kindergarten Sticker (given out at drop off to kids who will be going to K, 1 per kid)
- Kindergarten Tour Bingo (given out during Tour to kids who will be going to K, 1 per kid)

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Week 5 • May 30/31/June 1

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PRO TIP

As a Leader, we can remind the kids in our group that God is with them, no matter what. One way we can do this is by showing up in unexpected places. Send kids a note in the mail or simply stop them in the atrium after the gathering to let them know you are there for them and God is, too.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Who helps you when you are sick?*
- *Who helps keep you safe?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Jesus had lots of friends. Let's read a story about them.*

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- *How do you pick friends?*
- *How can you be a good friend?*

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Pray: *Dear Jesus, thank you showing us how to love and care for others. Help us love and care for people just like you did. Amen.*



Give every kid a Party Blower.

- Practice this month's Memory Verse a few times. Instruct kids to use the Party Blower after each time they practice.
- You can add some fun by:
 - Having kids march in a line while practicing the Verse and using their Party Blower.
 - Play Red Light, Green Light as they blow their Party Blower.
 - Do their favorite dance moves while saying the Verse and using their Party Blower.
- Give everyone a Memory Verse Card. Let them know they can take it home so their family can keep practicing the Memory Verse.



Ask:

- *Can you talk about a time you helped someone?*
- *Who can you show Jesus' love to today?*

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- Party Blower (1 per kid, in Small Group)
- Memory Verse Card (1 per kid, in Small Group)
- Kindergarten Sticker (given out at drop off to kids who will be going to K, 1 per kid)
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