

## Who Does Jesus Love?

# Jesus Loves Everyone!



Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • Feb 1/2/3

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 ride in a car or a bus?*
- *Would you rather ride on a smooth road or on a bumpy road?*

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- *Today is a special story, it is about how Jesus met his friends!*
- *Let's make fish faces while we listen to this story.*

**Read:**

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

**Review:**

- Turn to Page 310 and show your Group the picture.
- *How did Jesus ask Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be his friends?*
- *He called over to them and asked them! Then, he asked Matthew to be his friend!*
- *Have you ever asked anyone to be your friend?*

**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



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**Pray:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for loving everyone. Thank you for loving (list the names of all the kids in your Group). I pray that each of us will follow you and love others the way you love us. Amen.*



Take out the Foam Hearts and spread them out on the floor in a circle.

- Instruct your Group to stand up and start walking in a circle on the path of hearts.
- As you walk, ask your Group "Who Does Jesus Love?" Prompt the kids in your Group to respond, "Jesus Loves Everyone!"
- If you really want to give your Group a challenge, have them also start to memorize this month's Memory Verse.



**Ask:**

- *What do we call people who follow Jesus? Disciples!*
- *What were the names of the fishermen in today's story? Peter, Andrew, James, and John.*
- *What are the names of your friends?*

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



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

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

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

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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 during the activity, name those people. This helps kids to know that Jesus loves everyone and that they are seen and known by their church.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

**Ask:**

- *Would you rather sing or dance with your friends?*

Give each kid a Bible.

**Say:**

- *Today is a special story, it is about how Jesus met his friends!*
- *Whenever you hear Jesus' name, give a friend a high five.*

**Read:**

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

**Review:**

- Turn to Page 310 and show your Group the picture.
- *How did Jesus ask Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be his friends?*
- *He called over to them and asked them! Then, he asked Matthew to be his friend!*
- *Have you ever asked anyone to be your friend?*

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PRAY

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us how much you love us and how we should love each other. Please help us love each other, you are the best. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Jesus Loves Everyone Activity Sheet.

- Let kids color the picture of Jesus.
- Give everyone a Heart Stamper.

**Say:**

- *Let's take turns putting a stamp on our picture, and for every stamp, I want you to name someone in your life who Jesus loves. Jesus loves everyone!*
- *Those are a lot of stamps, and each stamp represents a person that Jesus loves! Jesus loves everyone!*
- *I want everyone to take their stamps home and give friends and family a stamp on their hand and tell them that Jesus loves them!*



DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS

**Ask:**

- *Is it difficult for Jesus to love everyone?*
- *Is it difficult for us to love others like Jesus loves?*

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



TAKE HOME

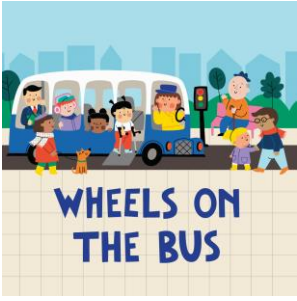
Kids will take a stamper home to share the truth that Jesus loves the people in their life.

- Jesus Loves Everyone Activity Sheet
- Heart Stamper

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PRO TIP

Once you have played the activity once, try it a different way. When kids stand up, invite others in the group to share something special about the kid who is standing. This helps them to feel seen, known, and loved by their friends and Leaders.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

**Ask:**

- Did you get a Valentine's Day card or candy?
- Did you give anyone a Valentine's Day card or candy?

**Say:**

- This month's Memory Verse is taken right out of the Bible! (Hold up and show Bible) Let's practice it a few times.
- We are going to play Red Light, Green Light, Yellow Light with our Memory Verse.
- When I say Green Light, everyone will say the Verse fast.
- When I say Yellow Light, everyone will say the Verse slow.
- When I say Red Light, everyone will stop saying the Verse and freeze.



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PRAY

**Pray:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and my friends. We want all of our friends to know that Jesus loves them, too, because Jesus loves everyone. Please help us tell our friends that Jesus loves them. We love you, Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Start out with everyone sitting on the floor in a circle.

- Ask the first kid to stand up and tell the Group something special about themselves, like their favorite color, animal, food, etc.
- Then, ask the Group to stand up if they also share that favorite thing.
- Continue going around the circle until everyone has a turn.
- **Say:** *Having friends is so special. We get to love our friends just like Jesus loves us. It was so fun to learn more about our friends!*



DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS

**Ask:**

- *Do you have a lot in common with your friends? Do you like a lot of the same things?*
- *Do you have a lot in common with your family? Do you like a lot of the same things?*

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



TAKE HOME

As kids get picked up, in front of their family, ask them to share this month's Memory Verse. Help them share it with their family.

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PRO TIP

There are different strategies you can use to help kids learn the memory verse. Try breaking the verse into a few words, saying the verse to the tune of a familiar song, or saying the verse to a beat. These not only help kids to say the verse but also help them to remember it!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather sing on a stage with a pig or dance on ice with a penguin?

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today is a special story, it is about how Jesus met his friends!
- Whenever you hear Jesus' name, give yourself a hug, because Jesus loves everyone.

Read:

- Jesus Chooses His Disciples: Page 308

Review:

- Turn to Page 312 and show your Group the picture.
- These were just *SOME* of Jesus' friends. There were so many more than this!
- Turn to page 412. Jesus was friends with kids.
- Turn to page 386. Jesus was friends with girls.
- Turn to page 372. Jesus was friends with people who were sick.
- Turn to page 325. And people who were strong soldiers!
- Jesus loved everyone! Give yourself another big hug because Jesus loves you!

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**Pray:** *Dear Jesus, we know you love us. I pray that (list the names of everyone in your Group) will always remember how much you love them and that they will follow you. You're the best. Amen.*



Spread the Community Helper Card Set around the room or Group space.

- Give the first kid a Matchbox Car and ask them to 'drive' the car to a Community Helper.
- Read the card and have your Group do the action that is listed.
- Ask the 'driver' to tell that Community Helper that Jesus loves them!
- Let them pass the car to the next kid to 'drive' to someone else, do the action, and tell them Jesus loves them.
- Continue until everyone gets a turn.



**Ask:**

- *Do your families have very important jobs? What do they do?*
- *Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!*

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



As kids get picked up, encourage them to tell their family that Jesus loves them!

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