

Preschool Small Group Day 4

Love Parachute

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Foam Hearts

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

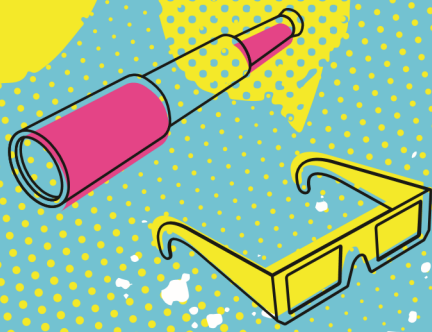
Sheet or Towel

WHAT YOU DO:

Place the hearts in the middle of the sheet or towel. Help the children hold the edges of the sheet or towel and make the hearts fly into the air and then land on the towel or sheet again. Continue as long as there is interest. For older children, say "Jesus wants to be my friend forever" as you bounce the hearts.

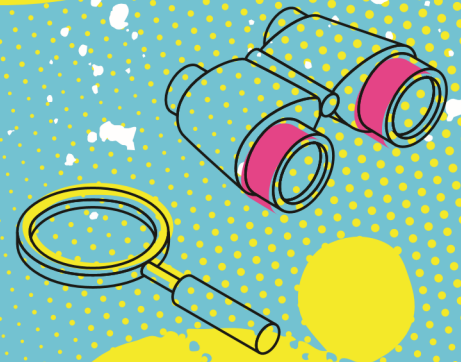
WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus loves everyone all the time! We should show love to others, too! We're going to use this parachute and hearts to help us to remember that Jesus loves us SO much and we can love others the way Jesus loves us. And that's a lot of love like all of these hearts. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"



FOCUS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



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Love to Help

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Needs and Helping Cards

WHAT YOU DO:

Shuffle the need cards and place them face down in a grid pattern on one side of the activity area. Shuffle the helping cards and place them face up in a grid pattern on the opposite side of the playing area.

Gather the children in the center of the activity area. Select one child to walk to the "needs" grid, select one card, and bring it back to the group. Talk about the need on the card and what they think might help. Then send a second child to the "helping" grid to find the card that can meet that need. When the child returns, have the children hand both cards back to you. Repeat with new children until all cards have been matched.

If time allows, shuffle, set up piles again but this time, place all cards face down. Children must turn over a help card one at a time until they find a match.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Today, we're learning that we should look for ways to love people like Jesus. One way we show love is by helping! We can help people by giving them what they need. I have two piles of cards over in the activity area. On one side, I have pictures of someone who needs help. On the other side, I have pictures of things that can help them. Let's head over to our activity area."

After the Activity: "If a friend is hurt, can giving him a Band-Aid® help him feel loved? What about sharing your snack? (Pause.) Yes! We can always show love by helping. I'm so glad to know that Jesus loves me and that I can love others. [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Jesus loves each one of you SO much, and He wants you to share His love with others!"



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Journal and Prayer

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Notebook, crayons or markers

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

(Open the Bible and lay it where the children can see it.)

"Our story today was about something very, very important that Jesus taught us to do. Listen and see if you can remember what it was.

"Did Jesus teach us to love people the way bears love honey? (Pause.) "Noooo. Did Jesus teach us to love people the way bees love flowers? (Pause.) "Nooo. Did Jesus teach us to love people the way He loves us? (Pause.) "YES! Jesus said the most important thing we can do is love people the way He loves us! And Jesus loves us A LOT because He wants to be our friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

"Okay, let's write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

"Today we are going to make a list of ways we can love people the way Jesus loves us. Jesus says kind words to us. He forgives us. He teaches us what is best. He helps us. Jesus really is the best at loving us! "So, tell me one way you can love people the way Jesus loves you, and I'll write it down." (Write down what everyone says.)

"Look at this list! All of these are wonderful ways to love people the way Jesus loves us. Let's use it when we pray."

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He wants to be our friend forever. Please help us love people the way Jesus loves us by doing things like (read the list you made). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."