



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO CREATE**  
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



**BIBLE STORY**

I love like Jesus  
when I help others.

**TABITHA HELPS**  
**ACTS 9:36-42**



**MEMORY VERSE**

"You are the  
light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**



**KEY QUESTION**

Who can love like Jesus?



**BOTTOM LINE**

I can love like Jesus.



**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

**2. LOVE HELPS**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Love Helps Coats and Blankets" and "Love Helps People" Activity Pages, white cardstock; cardstock in a variety of colors, scissors, and glue sticks

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Love Helps Coats and Blankets" on cardstock in a variety of colors and cut, four cutouts per child. Copy "Love Helps People" on cardstock, one per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Lay the coat and blanket cutouts in the middle of the table with the glue sticks. Give each child a copy of "Love Helps People" and ask them to give each person on the page a coat and a blanket. Review the Bible Story as the children do the activity. Assist when needed.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Come sit with me at the table."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "In our story today, a woman named Tabitha loved like Jesus when she helped people. She made clothes for people who needed them. Tabitha loved like Jesus when she helped others.

"Let's practice loving like Jesus and help the people on your paper. (Hold up people page.) Make sure each person gets a coat (hold up a coat cutout) and a blanket. (Hold up a blanket cutout.) Rub the glue stick on the back of the cutout and stick the coat and blanket on the people. (Pause.) Did all the people on the page get a coat and a blanket? (Pause.) Good job! Helping others is a way you can love like Jesus!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "When we help others, we are loving like Jesus. You can help and I can help. You can love like Jesus and **I can love like Jesus!** Tell me: **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"



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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



### 4. LOVE PASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Spring-loaded clothespins and paper hearts in a variety of colors

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Sit in a circle with the children. Give each child a clothespin and demonstrate how to open

and close it. Practice with the children. Put the hearts in front of you.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Clip one heart in your clothespin and explain that you will pass the heart around the circle from friend to friend.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hi, friends! Come sit in a circle with me. I have a game for us to play where we can spread the love."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I'm going to turn to the friend next to me, [child's name], and pass the heart. [Child's name] will pinch the heart with their clothespin and when they have it, I will pinch my clothespin and let it go. Then [child's name] will turn to the friend next to them and we'll keep going and going until it makes it back to me. Let's practice. (*Pinch a heart in your clothespin and pass it to the friend next to you.*) Here it comes. (*Help guide the process with your words.*) Great job, everyone! Let's do it again with this [color] heart!" (*Repeat as desired.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You helped each other play the game of passing the heart—the love—around our circle! When you were helping each other, you were loving like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

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**MADE TO REFLECT**  
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



**6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or a handstamp

*Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.*

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 5:14.

Show the children how to make a heart with their hands. Ask them to make heart hands as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

**MEMORY VERSE**

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of things we can do to help others.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

**KEY QUESTION**

Who can love like Jesus?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to make heart hands, like this. *(Make a heart with your hands.)* Show me your heart hands. Sweet! Okay, now let's walk to our Small Group spot with our heart hands. Follow me! *(Make a heart hand as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)* Yay! We made it here making our heart hands! Now, let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can love like Jesus.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)* "In our Bible Story today, we learned how we can love like Jesus by helping others. *(Make a heart hand.)* Tabitha loved like Jesus by making clothes for people who needed them. She helped so many people! And every time she loved like Jesus and helped someone, she was a bright light for everyone to see Jesus. We can love like Jesus when we help others too. **I can love like Jesus**, and you can love like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!** And when we love like Jesus, we are a bright light that helps others see Jesus!"

**BASIC TRUTH**

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"That's why we have been learning a Bible verse that reminds us to be a light and love like Jesus. It says, 'You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,' (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say Jesus' words together. Just say what I say and do what I do. 'You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,' (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Wow! That was fantastic! (*Give fist bumps.*) I think you're ready to try and say that by yourself. I want everyone to sit down, and we'll take turns saying our Bible verse. Who's ready to try and say it by yourself? I have my stickers/ handstamp ready! (*Pause.*) Everyone, clap for [child's name]! Here is a (*sticker/stamp*) for you! (*Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.*) I am very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse! When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your (*sticker/stamp*). One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

"Now, let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we're going to make a list of ways we can help others. When I say your name, tell me one thing you can do to help others, and I will write it by your name." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "These are wonderful ways to help others! (*Hold up journal.*) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Jesus helped so many people. Please help (*say each child's name*) love like Jesus by doing things like (*read the list the children made*). We want to be a light to the world so everyone can see that Jesus loves them! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."