

Sprouts 345 February 15-16, 2020
Jesus is our friend even when no one else is.
The Unloved Woman • John 8:2-11
Bottom Line: Jesus loves everyone.



Social Activities – 30 minutes. As children arrive, invite them to participate in the activities below as you introduce the theme of the day. Each of these activities should be done simultaneously and in small groups. Kids can do one or all activities. Activities vary to appeal to different learning styles.

Train Cars (trains, people)

Encourage the kids to build a train, put the people on the train and go for a ride.

Connecting Point: *This activity supports the theme. Talk about who we would invite on a train ride and remind the kids that Jesus loves everyone.*

Heart Match Up (match up game)

Place the heart pieces on the table. Invite the kids to match the hearts. Talk about the bottom line that Jesus loves everyone.

Connecting Point: *Tell the kids we will learn that Jesus is our friend even when no one else is.*

Happy or Sad (happy/sad faces, 15-20 ping pong balls with happy/sad faces, large bucket, two medium size buckets with happy or sad face taped on, large spoons)

Place all of the balls in the large bucket. Place the large bucket in the center of the activity area and the two medium-sized buckets on either side. Give a child the spoon and help her scoop a ball from the large bucket. Help the child determine if the ball has a sad or a happy face on it and place it in the appropriate bucket. Continue the activity until all of the balls have been placed in a bucket.

Connecting Point: *Tell the kids we are going to talk about someone who is sad in our Bible story. We will also hear what makes her happy. Ask the kids what makes them happy or sad.*



Circle Time – 5 minutes - The purpose of circle time is to make sure the kids know the volunteer's names, to set the plan for the day and introduce the Bible story and bottom line. It helps the kids understand play time is over.

Bring a happy and sad face ping pong ball with you. Ask the kids to mimic the face as you hold up the ball. Ask them why they feel happy and sad. Tell them we will hear of a lady who was sad because she made bad choices in our Bible story, but share that Jesus loved her.



Worship Videos – 10 minutes Gather the children to sing and dance with the music videos. Give children ribbons to use as they dance.

Please participate with the kids so they feel free to express their love for God through worship.



Bible Story Video, Discussion and Bible Memory Verse – 10 minutes After the music time, have the kids sit in chairs to watch the Bible story video. Ask some review questions following the story, pray together, then learn the Bible Memory Verse.

Bible Story Review Questions:

- **Why was the woman sad?** Allow answers. She had no friends, made bad choices.
- **What did Jesus do when the men came to him with the woman?** Loved her, was her friend.
- **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.**

Prayer

Bible Memory verse:

Love each other (give yourself a big hug)

as I (point up with both fingers)

have loved you (bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids),

John 15:12.” (Open your hands like a book.)



Craft Activity – 5 minutes After the Bible Memory Verse, bring kids to the table for a craft activity. This activity will promote discussion and application of the Bible story. If a child decides not to participate, please put their name on a paper to send home so parents know what we did today.

Love Everyone Craft (craft sheet, foam hearts, crayons)

Invite each child to the table and give them a coloring sheet. Ask who they see in the heart. Ask about the people they love as they color and decorate their page.



Application Activity – 5 minutes As kids finish the craft activity, invite them to participate in an activity on the carpet while you wait for parent pick up.

Jesus Loves Everyone! (butcher/bulletin board paper cut into large heart, floor tape)

Tape the heart in the middle of the activity area. Use the floor tape to make a large circle around the heart. Have the children stand in the circle. Choose one child to stand on the heart. Say, “Jesus loves [child’s name]. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!” Repeat for each child. Continue until the kids are picked up by their parents.
