

# JESUS TAUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Lead the preschoolers in a chant as they move to the group-time area. Invite them to repeat the letters *L-O-V-E*, then say, “That spells *love!*”

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

**JESUS TAUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER —BASED ON MATTHEW 5:1-2, 43-48; MARK 12:28-31**

- Ask the children to tell what they think a commandment is. Mention that a *commandment* is a rule or a law. Say that Jesus taught people different commandments. Open the Bible to Matthew 5. Tell the Bible story.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down with His disciples (helpers) and began teaching the people.
- Jesus taught people to love one another, even when they are mean or unkind.
- Another time, Jesus was talking to some of the temple (church) leaders. A man heard them and asked, “What is the most important commandment?”
- Jesus said, “The most important commandment is to love God very much. The second most important commandment is to love other people as much as you love yourself.”

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Who did Jesus teach people to love?
- What did the man ask Jesus?
- What did Jesus say is the most important commandment?
- What did Jesus say is the second most important commandment?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Say that Jesus taught to love one another.

ROOM
YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS
DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus loves people.

### LIFE POINT

Jesus taught to love one another.

### UNIT VERSE

God sent Jesus to teach the good news. Luke 4:18

### WEEKLY VERSE

Jesus said, “Love other people.” Mark 12:31

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Do You Know the Muffin Man?”:

*Jesus said, “Love other people, love other people,  
love other people.”*

*Jesus said, “Love other people.” Mark 12:31*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open a Bible to Mark 12:31. Read the verse. Create several motions to help the kids remember the verse. Teach the motions. Guide the preschoolers to repeat the verse and motions several times.

## PRAY

Encourage the boys and girls to share any prayer requests they may have. Invite several children to pray if they would like. Close the prayer, thanking God for His love for us and asking Him to help us love one another.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: Jesus taught to love one another.**

- 1. Make beaded hearts.** Give each child a chenille stem and colored plastic beads. **Caution:** small beads can pose a choking hazard. Assist a child in threading the beads on the chenille stem. Talk about people we can show love to as you work together. When the chenille stem is almost full, twist the two ends together to hold the beads in place. Help the child bend the chenille stem to make a heart. Say the Life Point: “Jesus taught to love one another.”
- 2. Create with play dough.** Post the “Allergy Alert.” Provide play dough, rolling pins, and heart-shaped cookie cutters for the kids to use. Invite them to make hearts using play dough. As they create, lead the preschoolers to talk about ways they can show love to other people. Remind them that Jesus taught to love one another.
- 3. Pass the heart.** Cut a heart shape out of construction paper. Invite the boys and girls to sit in a circle. Give each child a clothespin. Demonstrate how to open and close the clothespin. Place your clothespin on the heart. Pass it to the next child in the circle, allowing her to clip her clothespin on the heart while you take yours off. Continue passing the heart

around the circle. Say that Jesus loves people, and He taught that we should love others, too.

- 4. Choose a craft stick.** Gather 10 craft sticks. Draw a red heart on the end of 5 of them and a blue heart on the end of the other 5. Place the craft sticks in a plastic cup, heart side down. Invite a child to choose a craft stick from the cup. If the child chooses a craft stick with a red heart, guide everyone to repeat the Bible verse together: “Jesus said, ‘Love other people’ Mark 12:31.” If a child chooses a craft stick with a blue heart, encourage all of the children to give each other high fives. Continue playing as time allows.

## CLEAN UP

Invite the kids to clean up their activities. Give each child a specific task. Thank them for their work.

## PLAY A GAME

Gather the preschoolers in a circle. Remind them of today’s Bible story, mentioning that Jesus taught people to love another. Say that in this game, the children will decide if the statement you say is from the Bible story or not from the Bible story. If it is from the Bible story, they will place their hands together, opened like a book. If it is not from the story, guide them to put their hands together like a closed book. In the story: “Jesus taught people to love one another. Jesus talked with temple leaders. A man asked Jesus a question. Jesus said the most important commandment is to love God. Jesus said the second most important commandment is to love others.” Not in the story: “Jesus only taught His helpers. Jesus taught to only love your friends. Jesus did not answer questions people asked. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to obey your teachers. Jesus said people should be unkind to others.”

## DISMISS

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.