



**TODAY'S
BIBLE STORY**

Love One Another
JOHN 13:34-35

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are more powerful
than the roar of the ocean.
You are stronger than the
waves of the sea."
PSALM 93:4 , NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change
the world around you?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me change
the world around me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE
WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE
IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: paperclip the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (NirV); music player and the worship songs, "Making Waves," "My Forever Friend," and "Very Big Things"

WHAT YOU SAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yay, it's my favorite time . . . worship time! I love singing and dancing and telling God just how much I love Him. Did you know that God loves you so, so much and that He wants you to share that love with others? It's true. It's how we make waves! We can change the world when we share God's love. Tell me, **who can help you change the world around you?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! Now let's sing about God's goodness together."

Lead children in singing "Making Waves."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Do you remember the Memory Verse we've been learning this week? The Bible teaches us that: 'Lord, you are (point up) more powerful than (muscle arms) the roar of the ocean. (Hands by mouth.) You are stronger than (muscle arms) the waves of the sea,' (Arms make waves.) Psalm 93:4, NirV. (Open hands like a book.) Let's say that together!"

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

WORSHIP LEADER: "That was awesome! God is so powerful and so loving. I'm so glad [**Basic Truth**] **God made me** and you and that God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is a good, good friend. Let's sing this out to Him."

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great singing, friends! Remember, God can do ANYTHING! God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. And God can help us make waves that change the world! Remember, **God can help me change the world around me.** That's a very big thing for sure. Sing this out with me!"

Lead children in singing "Very Big Things."



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WORSHIP LEADER: "That was great, everyone! There is nothing impossible, nothing too difficult, nothing too hard for God! He can help you change the world. So, one more time, **who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me."



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: table; large sketch pad; thick, red marker

The Host enters carrying the sketch pad and marker. The table is already in the center of the storytelling area.

WHAT YOU SAY:

HOST: "Hi friends! I'm [Host's name], and I just got back from my friend's house. We had the best time! My friend even showed me how to draw a heart! Would you like for me to show you? (Pause.) I was hoping you would!"

The Host looks at the sketch pad, looks at the children, and looks back at the sketch pad.

"Now, how did she do it? Hmm . . . first, she grabbed a red marker.

Host holds up the red marker.

"Then she drew a line, like this.

Host draws one half of a heart for the children to see.

"Then she drew another line, like this.

Host draws the other half of the heart.

"Wow! I did it! Look! I did exactly what my friend did, and now my heart drawing looks just like her heart drawing!"

Host holds the heart drawing out for the children to see and then lays it on the table.

"This gives me an idea! I think we should all make hearts with our hands. Can you make a heart with your hands, like me?"

Host makes a heart with their hands.

"Try it! Just do what I'm doing with your hands. (Pause.) You're doing it! Your hearts look just like mine! Great job everyone! Now hold your hearts way up high.

Host holds heart hands up high.

"Yay! You can put your hands down now.

"I like making hearts. And doing things with my friends is so fun. [Storyteller's name] has a true story about things we can do, just like our friend, Jesus. I think you're going to really like the story! See you later! Bye!"

The Host exits with the sketch pad and marker.



STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Love One Another" Activity Pages, Bible, table, cardstock, three easels

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE LARGE GROUP: Make one copy of "Love One Another" on cardstock. Enlarge if possible.

The three easels are already set up across the storytelling area, facing the children. A table is to the side of the easels.

The Storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the three Jesus story images from the "Love One Another" Activity Pages. They place the three story images on the easels, in order from left to right (audience view) as they appear in the story, facedown so the children cannot see the pictures yet.

WHAT YOU SAY:

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! I'm [your name] and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table to the side of the storytelling area.

"In today's story, we're going to hear how love . . .

Storyteller makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

". . . can make waves and change the world around us. If you're ready to hear a story about love . . .

Storyteller makes another heart with their hands and holds it up.

". . . on the count of three, yell, TELL ME A STORY! 1 . . . 2 . . . 3!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Tell me a story!"

Storyteller walks to the front center of the storytelling area.

STORYTELLER: "Our story begins with this.

Storyteller holds up one pointer finger, like they are counting.

"One! Can you hold up one finger, like this? (Pause.) Now everyone say: ONE!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "ONE!"

STORYTELLER: "Good job! Put your hands down now.

"Today's story is about the number-one thing God wants to help us do, and that is to LOVE . . .



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Storyteller makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

“. . . like Jesus! When we love like Jesus, we are loving others the way Jesus loves us. That’s A LOT of love! But how do we love like Jesus?

“Well, I have some stories about Jesus that can show us!

Storyteller walks over to the first easel and turns the picture of Jesus helping over so the children can see the picture.

“One time, there was a man who couldn’t walk. He needed help, so Jesus helped him walk! Helping our friends is one way we can love . . .

Storyteller makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

“. . . like Jesus. If someone is sad, we can help cheer them up. If they need help learning to play a game, we can help teach them. We show others we love them when we help them!

Storyteller walks over to the second easel and turns the picture of Jesus sharing food over so the children can see the picture.

“Another time, Jesus had been teaching a lot of people for a loooooong time, and the people were getting very hungry. But the only food Jesus’ friends could find was five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food. Then, He shared the food with over 5,000 people! That is SO many people! Sharing with our friends is another way we can love . . .

Storyteller makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

“. . . like Jesus. If we have a snack, we can share it. If someone wants to play with our toys, we can let them have a turn playing with them. We show others we love them when we share with them.

Storyteller walks over to the third easel and turns the picture of Jesus being kind over so the children can see the picture.

“There’s one more thing I want to tell you about Jesus. One time, people brought a woman to Jesus and they said mean words about her. Jesus chose to love her and say kind words to her. Saying kind words is another great way we can love . . .

Storyteller makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

“. . . like Jesus. We can say thank you when someone helps us. Or, we can tell someone they did a great job! Saying kind words really can make someone feel loved.

“All of these are great ways we can love . . .



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“. . . like Jesus! We can help (*point to Jesus helping*), we can share (*point to Jesus sharing*), and we can say kind words (*point to Jesus being kind*).

“God sent Jesus to make waves that changed the world. When we love like Jesus, God can help us make waves that change the world around us too! So, tell me, who can help you change the world around you?”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: “God can help me change the world around me!”

STORYTELLER: “One more time! Who can help you change the world around you?”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: “God can help me change the world around me!”

STORYTELLER: “You got it! It’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love. Please help us to love like Jesus by helping, sharing, and being kind to others. We love You, God and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“That’s our story for today! See you next time. Bye!”

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and story pictures.

The Host enters smiling.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: no supplies needed

HOST: "Wow! That is awesome! Jesus loves us a lot. And, when we love like Jesus . . .

Host makes a heart with their hands and holds it up.

". . . we can change the world around us. I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say: 'Got it! Get it?'"

Host points to the audience.

CHILDREN AND HOST: "GOT IT!"

HOST: "Good!"

Host gives two thumbs up.

"Will you make a heart with your hands like this one more time?"

Host makes one last heart with their hands and holds it up while looking around at the children.

"Your hearts look awesome! Every time you see a heart, remember to love like Jesus! I'll see you next time! Bye!"

Host exits smiling and waving at the children.



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Intro and Outro Sketch—to be the host. If possible, use two different hosts throughout VBS and alternate them each day.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be “told” and not “read.” Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Live instruments
- Music player
- “Memory Verse Card” paperclipped in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (NIRV)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- “Making Waves,” “My Forever Friend,” and “Very Big Things,” which are included in your files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for both songs are available in your files

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Large sketch pad
- Thick, red marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before story time, place the table in the center of the storytelling area.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Table
- “Love One Another” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Three easels

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make one copy of “Love One Another” on cardstock. Enlarge if possible.
- Before story time, set up the three easels facing the children.
- Set the table off to the side of the easels.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Bible Story Videos: There are Bible story videos available for each day in your files. These can be used in addition to or as a replacement for a live telling of the story.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. https://bit.ly/VBS2022_Preschool_Pinterest