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Curriculum for Preschoolers

We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand...
   God made me.
   God loves me.
   Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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Here’s an overview of what you’ll be teaching in 3s–5s this week.

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• We Need It

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Make It Fun (Introductory Activities, 10 minutes)

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

1. Give It Away
   “Give it Away” is an activity that uses fine motor and large motor skills to introduce the Bible story idea that Jesus wants us to give His love away.

   What You Need: A sheet of heart stickers for each child, this month’s worship song from the “Music Resources” tab on the Website, and a music player.

   What You Do: During the activity: Give each child a sheet of heart stickers. Tell the children the goal is to give all their stickers away to friends in the classroom before the music stops.

   What You Say: Before the activity: “I have a whole sheet of heart stickers for each of you. That’s a lot of stickers! We’re going to play a game called “Give it Away” with your stickers. When you hear music, I want you to see how many stickers you can give to your friends before the music stops. Got it? Are you ready to give some love away? On your mark! Get set! Go!”

      During the activity: “Give that love away! Good job! Keep going!”

      At the end of the activity: “Wow! Look at all the stickers on everyone! Good job! You know, everyone needs love. That’s why Jesus loves each and every one of us! Our Bible story today is about how Jesus wants us to tell everyone about how much He loves them. He wants us to give His love away!”

2. Who Needs Jesus?
“Who Needs Jesus” is a discussion activity that uses visuals to introduce the concept of the Bible story.

What You Need: “Cube” from the Activity Pages on the Website, white cardstock, and tape.

What You Do:
Before the activity: Copy “Cube” from the Activity Pages onto the white cardstock and assemble.

During the activity: Have the children sit in a circle and take turns rolling the cube. Have the children identify as a group who they see. Ask the children what that person does and if he needs Jesus. Roll the cube again. If the same person comes up, roll again. Be sure to discuss all six people on the cube.

At the end of the activity: Ask the children if they need Jesus, and introduce the story.

What You Say:
Before the activity: “There are some very special helpers on this cube. (Hold up cube.) Let’s all sit in a circle and see who they are!”

During the activity: (Roll cube.) “Who is this helper? (Pause.) It is a (name picture on cube). You are right! What does a (name picture on cube) do? (Pause.) Right again! Do you think that this helper needs Jesus? (Pause.) OH, YES! Even our strong helpers need Jesus to help them. Let’s see who else is on our cube.” (Repeat until all the helpers are talked about.)

At the end of the activity: “I am so thankful for our helpers and I am very thankful that Jesus helps them. Does Jesus help you? (Pause.) Of course He does! Let’s get ready to hear our TRUE story from the Bible and see what Jesus wants us to do to help Him.”

3. We Need It
“We Need It” is an activity that introduces the Bible story idea of needing things—ultimately Jesus—by using their fine motor and thinking skills as well as a tactile experience.

What You Need: A pillow case or other dark fabric bag and items that people “need” such as: water bottle (water), a snack bag of crackers or other food item (food), a small red plastic heart (love), a small pillow (sleep), a plastic toy person (family/friends), small artificial plant (air), band-aid (heal hurts), medicine bottle (heal sickness), small toy house (shelter), etc.

What You Do:
During the activity: Place all of your “need” items in the pillowcase. Invite the children to take turns reaching into the bag, feeling around and pulling one item at a time out of the
bag. Talk with the children about each item and why we need it as the children pull them out of the bag.

**What You Say:**

*Before the activity:* “I have a bag filled with things we need. Who wants to be the first one to reach in my bag and pull something out? *(Pause.)* Let’s see if it’s something we really need!”

*During the activity:* “Hmm … what is this? *(Pause.)* Yes, this is a *(name of object)*. Do we really need *(name of object)*? *(Pause.)* We sure do! We need *(name of object)* to …” *(Repeat something similar each time a child pulls out an item.)*

*At the end of the activity:* “I can think of one more thing we really need. And He’s actually a person! We all need JESUS! Our Bible story today is about how everyone needs Jesus!”
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Make It True (Large Group, 15 minutes)

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them for a large group time that includes interactive worship, introductory sketch and Bible story.

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.

Choose an adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Introductory Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month as the Host role stays the same each month.

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.

Worship

For additional worship resources to equip your worship leaders and worship team, visit www.amberskyrecords.com.

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website in your Bible at John 15:12. You will also need a CD player and this month’s worship song, “Jesus Loves Everyone,” which you will need to download from the Website. You will also need “Oh! He Loves Me” available at www.AmberSkyRecords.com or on the CD, One Big Gulp.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hi, everybody! Are you ready to sing with me today? (Pause.) Great! Let’s jump up on our feet and get started!”

Lead children in singing “Jesus Loves Everyone.”
WORSHIP LEADER: “Wow! That was a great way to start our time together! I am so glad that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone, aren’t you? (Pause.) It makes my day so much better! Tell me, who does Jesus love?”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone!”

WORSHIP LEADER: “You got it! He loves us no matter what and He wants us to love others just like He does. Isn’t that what our Memory Verse for this month says? (Pause.) It sure does! Can you say it as loud as you can? (Pause.) You can! Let’s say it on the count of three! One … two … three!”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “‘Love (make a heart shape by curving both hands together) each other (point to people around you with both hands) as I (point fingers to sky) have loved you’ (make heart shape by curving both hands together and then point to a friend), John 15:12.” (Open hands like a book.)

WORSHIP LEADER: “That was great! (Whisper) Now let’s see if you can say it as quietly as you can.”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (Whispering) “‘Love (make a heart shape by curving both hands together) each other (point to people around you with both hands) as I (point fingers to sky) have loved you’ (make heart shape by curving both hands together and then point to a friend), John 15:12.” (Open hands like a book.)

WORSHIP LEADER: “Amazing! Jesus loves us! I have another song that will help us remember that not only does Jesus love me and you, but [Basic Truth] Jesus loves EVERYONE in the whole wide world! That’s a LOT of people! Are you ready to sing another song with me about Jesus’ love for us? (Pause.) Great! We’ve sung this song before so I bet you’ll remember it. The words say, ‘Oh (hands over head like a big O, jump up and down) He (both hands point up) loves (cross arms and hug) me’ (both thumbs point to chest). If you remember it let me see the biggest ‘O’ that you can do! (Put hands over head like a big O.) Look at those! All of these ‘Os’ must mean we’re ready to sing.”

Lead the children in singing “Oh! He Loves Me.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Great job, everybody! I had so much fun with you today! Let’s get ready for our Bible story; I heard it’s a GREAT one! See you next time.”

Worship Leader exits.

Introductory Sketch
First Look offers weekly introductory sketches on the DVD titled “Wonder, Look at God’s Story.” This DVD is available for purchase at the reThink store on our Web site.
**What You Need:** Cell phone, empty flowerpots, flower seed packet, Easter basket, pair of shorts, sunglasses, a small notepad, and pencil.

*Host enters talking on the phone while carrying gardening supplies. He is getting everything ready for the arrival of spring and he’s telling everyone about it.*

**HOST:** *(Talking on phone)* "I know! It's so exciting! Spring will be here in just a few short weeks! *(Pause.)* Yes, I told Sydney and Benjamin. Have you told Marcy and Jay? *(Pause.)* Good. I'll keep telling people and you keep telling people and before long everyone will know! Okay, sounds good. See you later! Bye! *(Put phone away and set down gardening supplies.)*

"Oh, hi! I'm [Host’s name]. What's your name? *(Pause.)* Nice to see you! Sorry I'm a little busy this morning. *(Pull out notepad and pretend to check a list.)* I've been calling people all week telling them the good news! Let's see here … I've told this person and that person and this one and that one. I think I've just about told everyone I know! Wait a minute! There's someone I haven't told … YOU! I haven't told you! You have GOT to know this. Okay, I'll give you a few hints and let's see if you can guess what I want to tell you.

*(Hold up the spring “hints” one at a time.)* *(Hold up flower pot.)* "What is this? Yes! This is a flowerpot. *(Hold up seed packet.)* And what is this? See the picture on the front? What is that? You got it! These are packets of flower seeds. *(Repeat with each object.)* All of these are hints for what is almost here—SPRING!

"Springtime is almost here! Spring is when it starts getting warmer outside and the flowers start to grow and the trees grow new green leaves and Easter comes and we get to start wearing shorts and flip-flops and … well … it's just such an exciting time of the year! I've been telling everyone I know so they can get ready for spring!

*Look down at gardening things as if thinking and then look back up at children.*

"Hmm … I wonder if there’s something else everyone needs to know? So far, all of [Storyteller’s name]’s true stories from the Bible have helped answer my questions. Maybe today’s story will, too! I’m going to run now. I have some more people to go and tell. Bye!"

*Gather up gardening supplies and exit.*

**Bible Story**

*First Look offers weekly Bible story on our DVD titled “Wonder, Look at God’s Story,” which you may choose to use rather than a live Storyteller this week. This DVD is available for purchase at the reThink store on our Website.*
What You Need: Bible, large toy racecar, grocery bag filled with “groceries,” and a pillow.

STORYTELLER: “Hi! I’m [Storyteller’s name]. I want to tell you a Bible story about how everyone needs to know that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Do you want to hear it? (Pause.) Wonderful!

(Open Bible.) “The Bible is the very best book in the whole world! It is full of true stories from God. It has SO many stories that it is a very BIG book, but today I want to tell you about a little word. That word is GO. G-O … GO! Say that with me.”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “G-O … GO!”

STORYTELLER: “Again!”

STORYTELLER and STORYTELLER: “G-O … GO!”

STORYTELLER: “When you think about it, lots of things GO, don’t they? (Hold up a racecar.) Racecars GO fast—really fast! When I count to three, I want us to all make our best racecar sound like this. VROOOOM! Ready? One, two, three!”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “VROOOOM!”

STORYTELLER: “That was awesome! We GO places too. We GO to the … (hold up grocery bag) grocery store and we GO to … (hold up pillow) bed. We GO a lot! Well, today’s Bible story is about when Jesus told His friends to GO and do something VERY important. Jesus got all His friends together and said, ‘Friends, I want you to G-O … GO!’ Say that with me!”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “G-O … GO!”

STORYTELLER: “‘I want you to GO and tell everyone that I love them.’ That’s what Jesus said. So it must be true! Jesus really does love everyone! That means He loves you and you and you and you … AND your neighbors and your friends and your grandma and your grandpa and your teachers and the mailman and the people at the grocery store and your soccer team. [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes, He does! So when Jesus told his friends to G-O … GO and tell everyone that He loves them, that is exactly what they did! They told old people and young people, poor people and rich people. They told their friends and family and even people they had just met. They told EVERYONE that Jesus loves them. And guess what! Jesus wants you and me to G-O … GO and tell everyone that Jesus loves them! Who does Jesus love?”
CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone!”

STORYTELLER: “And there’s one person you have GOT to tell! [Host’s name]! Don’t forget, okay? Awesome! Let’s pray.

“God, help us to tell everyone that Jesus loves them. Please help us remember and to be brave. We want everyone to know that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! We love you, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“I had so much fun with you today! Thanks for letting me spend this time with you! See you next time! Bye!”

Storyteller exits.
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Make It Stick (Application Activities, 35 minutes)

These activities are designed to help preschoolers understand and remember today’s Bible story and Bottom Line. Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each, then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. Hugging Hands
“Hugging Hands” is an activity that uses motion to teach the Memory Verse.

What You Need: Sentence Strips, pencil, any color construction paper, scissors, and glue sticks.

What You Do:
Before the activity: Trace the children’s hands (both right and left), cut them out, and glue them to each end of the sentence strip.
(Option: Trace a child’s hands at home if you’re pressed for time.)

During the activity: Give each child a sentence strip. Instruct them to place it behind them and hold it so the hands are at their sides. Say the Memory Verse together and then have the children wrap the strip and hands around them as if they are hugging themselves. (Repeat several times)

At the end of the activity: Explain to the children what the Memory Verse means.

What You Say:
Before the activity: “Jesus loves us so much! When we say our Memory Verse today we are going to use these (hold up sentence strips) to give ourselves a big hug from Jesus. Are you ready?”

During the activity: “Put the long part of the arms behind your back (demonstrate) and hold the hands like this out to your side. (Demonstrate.) Great job! Now we are going to
say our Memory Verse and when we are done, give yourself a BIG hug! Ready? ‘Love each other as I have loved you,’ John 15:12. Okay, hug! Awesome! Let’s do it again! ‘Love each other as I have loved you,’ John 15:12, and now get a hug from Jesus! Perfect!” (Repeat as many times as desired.)

At the end of the activity: “Jesus loves us so much and He wants us to love each other. He loves us no matter if we make a bad choice or not. So we should love others the same way! Who does Jesus love? (Pause.) Absolutely! [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!”

2. Let’s Go!
“Let’s Go!” is an activity that will challenge the children’s imaginations as they learn about how people everywhere need to know that Jesus loves them.

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do: Lead the children in some imaginary play. Pretend to travel to different places, like Disney World®, the beach, hike a mountain, aquarium, zoo, library, or space. Go wherever your imagination will take you! Remember to prepare each time before you travel. If you’re going to space, you’ll need to put on your spacesuit. Hiking? You’ll need a backpack and boots. As you travel to all these different places, talk about how we need to tell people EVERYWHERE that Jesus loves them!

What You Say:
During the activity: “I want us to go on a pretend adventure today. Who’s with me? (Pause.) Okay, let’s see. Where do we want to go first? I know! Let’s go to the beach! Put on your swimsuit and sunscreen. Here we go! (Walk around room and pretend to play in the water and sand.) Wow! That was fun! Do you think all the people at the beach need to hear that Jesus loves them? (Pause.) They sure do! Jesus loves the people at the beach because [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Now let’s go to ….” (Repeat something similar each time you travel to a new place.)

At the end of the activity: “Jesus loves all the people at the (name all the places you traveled to) and He wants us to tell them! Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!”

3. Postcard
“Postcard” is a 5-year old activity that uses fine motor and writing skills to allow the children to participate in the Bible story’s message.

What You Need: “Postcard” from the Activity Pages on the Website, white cardstock, markers, crayons, and stickers.

What You Do:
Before the activity: Copy “Postcard” from the Activity Pages onto white cardstock and cut out one for each child. On the back of each postcard write the word “LOVE,” so the children can sign their names below it when they’re finished.

During the activity: Give each child a postcard and allow them to decorate it with the markers, crayons, and stickers. When they’re finished, help each child sign their name under where it says “LOVE” on the back of the card.

At the end of the activity: Tell the children to think about someone they would like to tell about Jesus. Encourage them to give their postcard to that person.

What You Say:
Before the activity: “Our story today told us that Jesus wants us to tell others that Jesus loves them. We can make postcards and give them to people so that they know that Jesus loves them.”

During the activity: (Hand out postcards.) “Here are your postcards. Look! They say our Memory Verse for this month on them. Let’s say it together. (Read the Memory Verse together.) It also says, “Jesus loves everyone,” and that’s exactly what we want our friends to know when they get this postcard! Use the stickers, crayons, and markers to make these postcards BEAUTIFUL! (Allow children to decorate postcards.) Great job! Now turn your cards over. Do you see where it says, ‘LOVE’? (Hold up card and point to the word.) Using your best writing, please write your name under that word. (Help children who cannot yet write their names.) WOW! I love that you can write your name so well. Now your postcards are ready to help you tell others about Jesus, just like the disciples did!”

At the end of the activity: “Do you know who you want to tell about Jesus? (Pause.) Great! That is a perfect person to give your postcard to! Jesus wants us to tell others about Him and that He loves everyone! Who does Jesus Love? You got it! [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!”

4. Linked by Love
“Linked by Love” is a large motor activity that will challenge the children’s balance, social skills, and language skills with a focus on the Bottom Line.

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do: A small group leader will begin the game by walking around the room, picking one child and saying, [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone.” He will then link arms with that child, walk around the room, and pick another child. This time the first child will say to the second child, [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone.” Continue doing this until all of the children are linked up. Play again if the children are having fun.

What You Say:
Before the activity: “I need everyone to spread out all over the room and stand very still. Watch what I do, because you’re going to do it, too!”

During the activity: (Walk up to first child.) [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone! (Link arms and walk up to second child.) Now it’s your turn to tell someone that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!” (Continue saying this each time you link arms with another child.)

At the end of the activity: “That was fun! It got a little silly when we made a long train! But no matter how many people there are, Jesus loves them all! Because who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Let’s play that again!” (Repeat as many times as desired.)

5. Colored Hearts
“Colored Hearts” is a craft-based activity that uses fine motor skills and reminds the children that Jesus loves them.

What You Need: “Coffee Hearts” from the Activity Pages on the Website, pink cardstock, different colored markers, small spray bottle, small coffee filters, water, scissors, and a glue stick.

What You Do:
Before the activity: Copy “Coffee Hearts” from the Activity Pages onto pink cardstock for each child. Cut the coffee filters into heart shapes so that each child gets two. Fill the spray bottle with water.

During the activity: Give each child two hearts and allow them to color them with the markers. Encourage them to color the entire heart on one side. When finished, lightly spray the colored heart with the spray bottle so that the colors run and then allow them to dry.

At the end of the activity: Once dry, help the child glue the hearts onto the Activity Page.

What You Say:
Before the activity: “Jesus loves us so much! Let’s make beautiful hearts and take them home to tell everyone how much He loves us.”

During the activity: “Here are your hearts. (Hold up hearts.) Use your markers to color the heart all over on this side. (Point to one side of the filter.) After you are done we are going to do something AH-MAZING! (Allow the children to color them and then spray the filter lightly with water.) WOW! Look at what the water did to the colors! It is beautiful! Let’s put them aside to dry.”

At the end of the activity: “Now that your hearts are dry, we are going to glue them onto this page. (Hold up Activity Page.) Now you can tell everyone about how much Jesus
loves us! **Who does Jesus love?** *(Pause.*) YES! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone!"
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Make It Real (Small Groups, 5 minutes)

Make It Real is designed to help preschoolers understand how the Bottom Line applies to them. They'll discuss real-life experiences and share prayer requests.

Divide kids into small groups of about five to eight children with each leader. Ideally, assign the same small group leader to the same group of preschoolers for the entire year.

Small Group Time

What you Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website in your Bible at John 15:12. Provide a journal, a fun-shaped pen for each small group, and a reward stamp or stickers.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Have you ever heard such good news that you wanted to tell everyone you know? Like maybe your parents told you that you were going somewhere really fun, so you told all your friends. (Pause.) I remember one time when my parents told me we were getting a new dog. I was SO excited I told ALL of my friends!

“Jesus’ friends, the disciples, had the best news EVER! They were some of the very first people to know that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone, and it was their job to make sure everyone knew! They did a good job because now we know the good news. Who does Jesus love?”

CHILDREN and SGL: [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone!”

SGL: “And now it’s our turn to make sure everyone hears the good news, because everyone needs Jesus. The best way to let people know is by loving others the way Jesus loves us, just like our Memory Verse says. Let’s say our verse together and then anyone who wants to say it for a sticker/hand stamp can have a turn.”
CHILDREN and SGL: “Love others as I have loved you,’ John 15:12.”

SGL: “Okay, it’s time to pray. Today let’s make a list of people we can tell about Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus and we need to tell them He loves them!”

Write down the children’s names and what they say in your journal. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters. Mention their list when you pray together.

Prayer
SGL: “God, help us to tell (read list of people) that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We know everyone needs Jesus—including me! I need Jesus and (name of child) needs Jesus and (name of child) needs Jesus and (continue with each child’s name). I hope we never, EVER forget how much Jesus loves us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Get Ready to Dismiss
Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them that this month preschoolers are learning that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. Encourage parents to repeat the Bottom Line at home and help their child understand that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.

Have this month’s Parent CUE available for parents to pick up or send it in a monthly email. Encourage parents to use the activities found in Parent CUE to reinforce this month’s Bottom Line: [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.