

Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler!

# **Activity**

Ways to Love Like Jesus

#### What You Need:

Large sheet of paper, washable markers or crayons, and painter's tape

#### What You Do:

Write, "I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS" across the top of the paper.

Say, "In our story today, Jesus loved His friends by washing their feet. Do you see these words at the top of the paper? They say, 'I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS.' How can YOU and I love like Jesus? Let's think of some ways we can love like Jesus and then draw them on our paper."

Give an example of how you can love like Jesus. For example, we can give a hug, we can help, and we can let someone else go first. Draw a picture of it on the paper. Encourage your child to name a way they can love like Jesus and draw a picture of it on the paper as well. Use additional pieces of paper if needed.

Say, "Look at our paper. I love your examples of ways to love like Jesus! When I ask, 'Who can love like Jesus?', you say, I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus."

Hang the paper somewhere in your home.



## **Bible Story**

Jesus Washes His Friends' Feet (John 13:3-7, 34-35)

## **Remember This**

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

## Say This

Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.

# **Prayer**

"Dear God, thank You for sending us Jesus. Jesus shows us how to love others. Help us to love like Jesus. Amen!"





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#### **Gentle Bubbles**

#### What You Need:

Bubble solution and wand

#### What You Do:

Say, "I have some bubbles for us to play with today. Let's see if you can be gentle and catch them on your hand."

Put a little bubble solution on your child's hands so their hands are slightly wet. Blow bubbles with your child and have them gently try to catch the bubbles without popping them.

Say, "Remember, we're trying to be gentle with the bubbles so we can catch them without popping them. Here they come. (*Blow bubbles.*) Gently hold your hand out and let the bubble land on it. (*Pause.*) Look at how gentle you are! Let's keep playing. (*Repeat as desired. If the solution on their hands dries, put some more bubble solution on them.*) This time, when you catch a bubble, walk around with it on your hand. Let's see how long you can hold them until they pop. (*Pause.*) I love how gentle you are. Nice job!"

Say, "The woman in our story was sick, and she heard that Jesus could make sick people better. So she went to see Him and touched His clothes. And just like that, she was all better! Jesus asked who had touched His clothes. When the woman told Jesus it was her, Jesus was gentle and used kind words. We can use kind words and be gentle with our friends and love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus."



## **Bible Story**

Jesus Is Gentle (Mark 5:25-34)

## **Remember This**

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

#### Say This

Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.

# **Prayer**

"Jesus, thank You for being gentle. You love us with your kind words, just like You loved the woman in our story today. Help us to be gentle like You. Amen!"





# **Activity**

#### **Fish and Bread Patters**

#### What You Need:

Goldfish crackers, Cheerios, and a plate

#### What You Do:

Pour some fish crackers and cereal onto a plate.

Say, "In the cups in front of you, we have some Goldfish to represent the fish and some Cheerios to represent the bread. Don't eat anything yet! First, we're going to make some patterns with our fish and bread."

In the center of the table, create the following pattern: bread, fish, fish, bread, fish, fish, etc. Call out each item as you point to it.

Encourage your child to create the same pattern on their plate. Celebrate as they finish. Repeat with two or three more patterns.

After the activity, talk about how you can love like Jesus when you help people.

Say, "In our Bible story, Jesus helped a LOT of people that day by feeding them. Jesus loves everyone! There are so many ways you can help others. And when you help someone, you love like Jesus! Tell me, who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus."



# **Bible Story**

Jesus Helps (John 6:1-13)

## **Remember This**

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

#### Say This

Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.

# **Praver**

"Jesus, thank You for always helping us. We want to be like You and help others too. We love You! Amen."



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# **Activity**

**Follow Me Instrument March** 

#### What You Need:

Preschool instrument or musical toy

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to play! Say, "We're going to make some music today. When I wave my hands over my head like this (demonstrate), you can play. But when I put my hands down to my sides like this (demonstrate), I want you to stop playing and put your instrument down to your sides. Let's practice."

Practice this a few times.

Say, "Let's play and march around the room. Follow me! (March while waving hands.) Play your instruments. (Put your arms by your sides.) My hands are by my side. What should you do? (Pause.) Great! (Start marching again while waving hands.) Follow me. (Repeat as desired.) That was SO fun!"

"In our Bible story today, we heard the first disciples who followed Jesus. They were different people from different places, with different jobs, and different families, but Jesus chose them all to follow Him. Because Jesus loves everyone! And we can love everyone, everywhere, too, with Jesus' help. Jesus wants us to love everyone, everywhere! Tell me, who can love like Jesus?"



## **Bible Story**

Jesus Loves Everyone (The Gospels)

## **Remember This**

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

#### Say This

Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.

# **Prayer**

"Jesus, we love following You. You love everyone and want everyone to follow You. Help us to follow You by loving everyone. Amen!"

