

# February 25, 2018

**Bible Focus:** Jesus never stops loving us. Peter's Denial and Restoration •

*Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; John 21:15-17*

**Memory Verse:** "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12, NIV

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**Bottom Line:** Jesus loves everyone.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.**

## **Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

- Animal Sounds

## **Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

## **Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)**

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

## **Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)**

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

## **Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)**

- Dotted Hearts

## **Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

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At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

#### **Animal Sounds**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Guide the children to stand in front of you.

*During the Activity:* Make different animal sounds with the children, such as: cow, dog, duck, pig, turkey, and rooster. Repeat as desired.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's pretend to be animals!"

*During the Activity:* "Let's make the sound that a cow would make. MOOOO. Awesome! What about a dog? Can you sound like a dog? WOOF WOOF! Wahoo! Now let's sound like a duck! QUACK QUACK. Yay! Can you gobble like a turkey? GOBBLE GOBBLE. Now let's sound like pigs! OINK OINK. You are all so good at this! One more animal! Let's sound like ROOSTERS! COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!"

*After the Activity:* "You sounded just like real animals. One of the animals we sounded like is in our Truth today. It is the ROOSTER! I cannot wait to hear our Bible Truth today!"

### **Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

### **Snack (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)**

### **Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)**

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your "We are in The Sandbox" sign on the door as you leave.

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The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

### **Dotted Heart**

**What You Need:** "Dotted Heart" Activity Page and dot markers

### **What You Do:**

*During the Activity:* Give each child an Activity Page and some dot markers. Encourage the children to use the markers to color the three hearts on their page. Retell today's Bible Truth.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "There are three hearts on our page (*point*), just like the number three in our Bible Truth today."

*During the Activity:* "The words in the hearts say, [**Bottom Line**] '**Jesus loves everyone.**' Let's use our markers to color the hearts. (*Do activity.*) Peter and Jesus were good friends. Peter loved Jesus, and he loved telling other people all about how he loved Jesus. One day, Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed, Peter would say three times that he was not Jesus' friend. Peter did not want to say that, but he always did what Jesus told him to do. Jesus was taken away by some bad men and Peter was left all alone. Then three people asked him if he was Jesus' friend. Do you remember what he said? (*Pause.*) Right! He said NO three times, just like Jesus said he would. Peter felt bad. He was afraid that Jesus did not love him anymore because of what he did. Then he saw Jesus on the beach and Jesus asked him three times, 'Peter, do you love me?' Do you remember what he said? (*Pause.*) YES! He said YES three times!"

*After the Activity:* "Jesus never stops loving us, just like He never stopped loving Peter. He loves everyone! **Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!**"

## **Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**