

February 24, 2019

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The Thankful Woman • *Luke 7:36-50*

Memory Verse: "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."
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SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

9:00 & 11:30

- Caterpillar

10:15

- In the Heart

Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

- Bible Presentation in class

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

9:00 & 11:30

- Leaf

10:15

- Bottle

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

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

Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

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

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

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new

9:00 & 11:30

Caterpillar

What You Need: 20 small pom-poms, one medium-sized pom-pom, and one pair of eye stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the eye stickers onto the medium-sized pom-pom, and place it on the floor in the Bible Time area.

During the Activity: Challenge the children to use the small pom-poms to make a caterpillar. Encourage the children to use all of the pom-poms to make a long caterpillar. Be sure each child has a turn to help make the caterpillar.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's make a caterpillar together!"

During the Activity: "This is the caterpillar's head. (*Hold up the medium-sized pom-pom.*) Do you see his eyes? (*Pause.*) Great! Now we can place the small pom-poms behind his head to make his caterpillar body." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Whoa! You made a super long caterpillar. This reminds me how long Jesus' love is for us. We are going to hear a Bible Truth today about how Jesus loves us NO MATTER WHAT! I can't wait."

Transition: Move to Bible time by holding onto each other making a caterpillar as you walk to the Bible Time area.

10:15**In the Heart****What You Need:** Heart made of floor tape on the floor**What You Do:**

Before the Activity: If not provided for you, use the tape to make a large heart on the floor in the middle of the activity area.

During the Activity: Invite the children to jump into the heart and say, "Jesus loves me," in a loud voice. Invite the children to jump back out of the heart. Repeat the activity several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "WOW! A HUGE heart is on the floor!" (*Point.*)

During the Activity: "The heart tells us that Jesus loves us. Let's jump in the heart and say, 'JESUS LOVES ME,' super loud." (*Do activity and repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: "Nice work! Jesus does love us! It is time to hear a Bible Truth all about how Jesus loves us NO MATTER WHAT!"

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Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

LEADER: “Hi, everyone! It’s great to see you today! I can’t wait to sing and praise Jesus with you. Jesus loves you, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Yes, He does. Let’s sing our song together one more time!

(Lead children in singing “Cool.” Provided on DVD for you.)

“Way to go! So cool! You are all such amazing singers. Now one more time: **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** That’s right, friends. You better believe it!”

Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways

Engage kids’ hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth and prayer experience.

What You Need: A Bible

LEADER: “It’s Bible time! I want *(name each child if you can)* to come sit with me. This is the . . . *(pause as you hold up the Bible)* . . . Bible! The Bible has God’s words in it. We love the Bible!

(Give the Bible a hug and lay it open in front of the children.)

“Today’s Bible Truth is very special because it’s about how Jesus loved a woman and was her friend, even though she had gotten in trouble for doing some bad things.

“One day, Jesus was having dinner with friends and a woman came to the dinner. She wanted to tell Jesus she loved Him and she wanted to thank Him for being her friend when no one else would.

“She walked over to Jesus and bent down to His feet. She began to cry so much that she wet Jesus’ feet with her tears. She took her hair and dried His feet, and then she

did something SO special. She took a very, very special bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet.

"The woman did all of this because she was thankful to have a friend like Jesus who loved her no matter what.

"Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing something you weren't supposed to be doing? Or maybe you didn't do what you were supposed to be doing? Jesus still loves you, just like He loved the woman in our Bible Truth. Jesus will never, ever, EVER stop loving you! **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "He sure does! Stand up and say what I say.

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(*Repeat several times.*)

LEADER: "Who loves you?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "He loves you and me no matter what! Sit back down. It's time to close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, we all get in trouble sometimes. Thank You for sending Jesus to love us no matter what, just like He loved the woman in our Bible Truth today. I pray each child here will believe in Jesus' amazing love and choose to follow Him one day so they can love people the way Jesus loves people. Jesus is the best friend ever! Thank You, God! We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Truth and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

9:00 & 11:30

Leaf

What You Need: "Leaf" Activity Page, pink and yellow tissue paper squares, marker, clothespins (one per child), completed sample craft

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay one of each color of the pieces of the paper on top of each other for each child.

During the Activity: Help the children grab the paper in the middle and twist it to create wings. Help the children clip the clothespin onto the wings. Use the marker to draw eyes on the top of the clothespin. Place the leaf in the tip of the clothespin.

After the Activity: Say the memory verse with the children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus loves us. We are going to make a love bug that says that Jesus loves us."

During the Activity: "We are going to make a gorgeous butterfly! (*Do activity.*) WOW! Great job! Butterflies eat leaves. Let's put this leaf in his mouth. (*Hold up.*) The leaf tells us our memory verse!"

After the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together. How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, *Ephesians 3:18*. Our memory verse tells us that Jesus loves us SO MUCH! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

10:15**Bottle**

What You Need: "Bottle" Activity Page, glue sticks, different colors of tissue paper squares, and completed sample craft.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and some tissue squares. Help the children glue the tissue squares inside the bottle on the page.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "The woman in our Bible Truth was very thankful that Jesus loved her and forgave her."

During the Activity: "She did not make good choices, but Jesus loved her anyway. He loves us no matter what. She washed His feet and then put perfume on them. We are going to make a picture of the perfume that she put on Jesus. Use the different colors of paper (*hold up*) to glue onto the bottle." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity "Great job! Now you can take your picture home and tell your family that Jesus loves ALL of us NO MATTER WHAT! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

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 (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)**Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

MEMORY VERSE

“How wide and long
and high and deep is
the love of Christ.”

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV



“How wide

(hold arms out wide)

and long

(hold arms out vertically)

and high

(jump as high as you can)

and deep

(pretend to dig with a shovel)

is the love

(hug yourself)

of Christ.”

(point up)

Ephesians 3:18

(hold hands open like a book)

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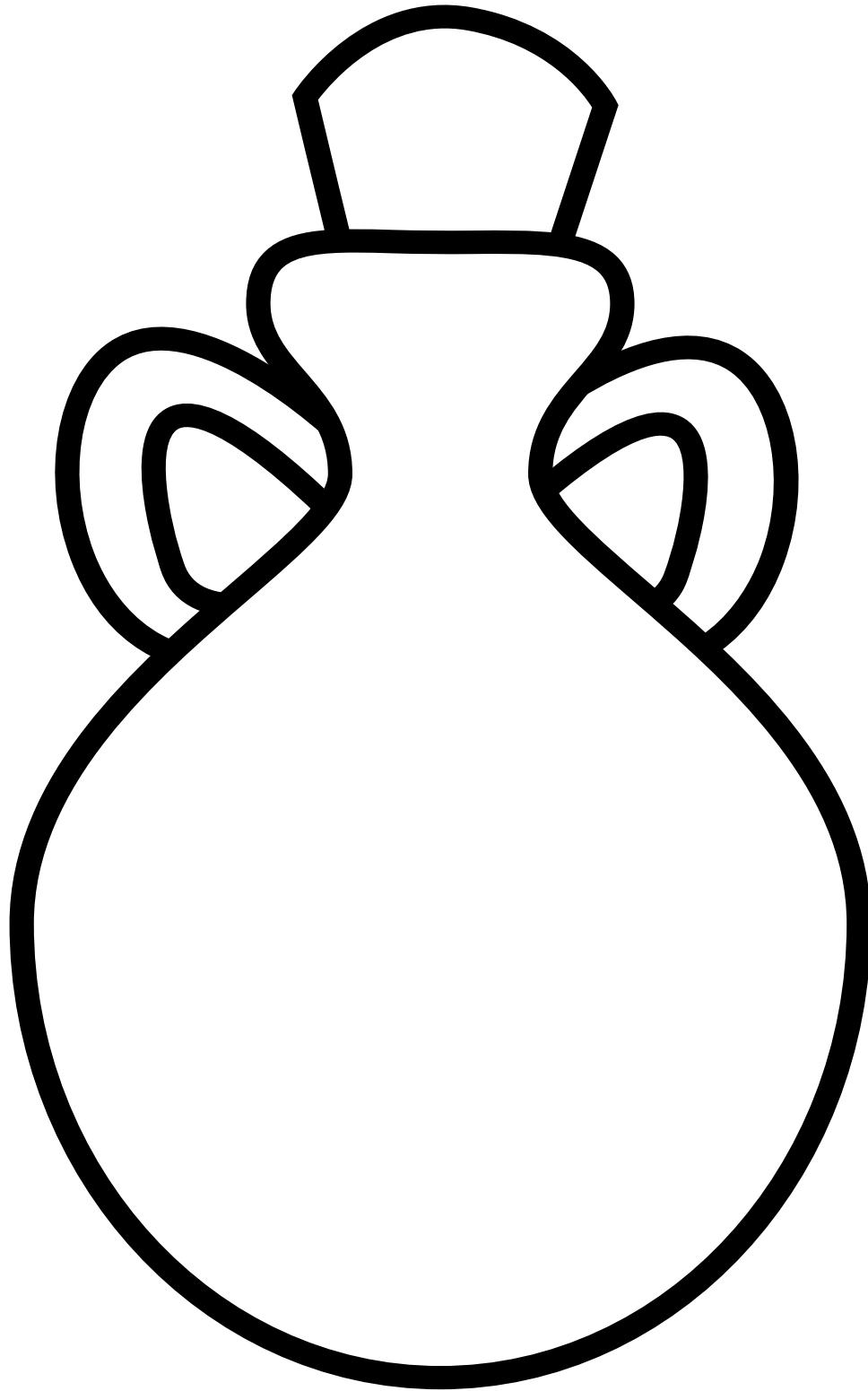
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