

February 24, 2019

Bible Focus: Jesus loves me no matter what.

The Thankful Woman • *Luke 7:36-50*

Memory Verse: “How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”
Ephesians 3:18, NIV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Bible (Large Group, 15 minutes)

Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.

CG: Theme Slide (“Everybody Praise Him”)

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Hello, hello, friends. It’s so great to see you today. I have had so much fun celebrating the month of love with you! I can’t wait to sing with you, but before we do tell me: **Who loves you?**”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] “Jesus loves me.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Yes! [*Bottom Line*] Jesus loves me. Let’s sing our new song about how cool that is!

SFX: “Cool”

“Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: **Who loves you?**”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] “Jesus loves me.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Yes, indeed, [*Bottom Line*] Jesus loves me. Who can help me remember what we do next? We sang our first song. What do we do now? (*Pause.*) Yes! We say our memory verse. Are you ready to say it with me?”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

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.) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: *"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.) (Repeat several times.)*

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes! You've got it totally memorized now! Way to go! I am so proud of you."

Introductory Sketch

CG: Intro Sketch Video

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

What You Need: Bible and large perfume bottle

HISTORYTELLER: "Hey, friends! I'm [HISTORYTELLER's name]. We've been talking a lot about how much Jesus loves us. That's why I'm so excited about today's Bible Truth!"

(Open Bible.)

"I want us to think about something for a minute. How much does Jesus love us? Do you know you could run all the way around the world and Jesus' love for you would go farther than that? That is a long way!"

"You could swim down, down, down to the bottom of the deepest ocean with all the fish, and Jesus' love for you would be deeper than that! That is deep!"

"You could climb to the highest mountain all the way to the very tippy top, and Jesus' love would still be higher than that. That is high! Jesus' love for us is long and deep and high and wide. It goes on forever and ever and ever."

"But what about if you took a cookie off the plate after your mom told you not to? Would Jesus still love you? *(Pause.)* YES! Do you think there is anything you could do to make Jesus stop loving you? *(Pause.)* Nope. Jesus will always, always, ALWAYS love you."

"And that is why the woman in our Bible Truth today was so thankful. She didn't have many friends because she had made a lot of bad choices. But she knew Jesus loved her and was her friend, no matter what. And she was SO thankful!"

“One night, Jesus went to a friend’s house for dinner. The woman came to the dinner too, even though she wasn’t invited. She wanted to see Jesus because she loved Him and was SO thankful He loved her too. When she walked in she was holding a bottle of perfume.

(Hold up the bottle.)

“The bottle of perfume cost a lot of money and it smelled so good. It was very special to her. When she saw Jesus, she started crying because she loved Him so much. She was so thankful that Jesus loved her, even though she had made some bad choices. She used her tears to wash Jesus’ feet and her hair to dry them off. Then she opened her very special bottle of perfume.

(Pretend to open your bottle.)

“Pretend you have a bottle of perfume, and open your bottle too.

(Encourage the children to open their pretend bottles.)

“This perfume was the most special thing she had, and she poured it all over Jesus’ feet to show Him how much she loved Him and how thankful she was for Him.

“Pretend to pour your perfume out with me.

(Turn your bottle like you’re pouring it out.)

“The people at the party were confused. Why would Jesus let a woman who made bad choices wash His feet?

“Did Jesus love this woman, even though she did bad things? *(Pause.)* Yes! Because nothing can make Jesus stop loving us. Jesus loves us so much! Remember, Jesus loves us so wide *(arms out wide)* and so high *(reach arms way up high)*. Say that with me.”

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “Jesus loves us so wide *(arms out wide)* and so high *(reach arms way up high)*.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Jesus loves us no matter what. And because Jesus loves us no matter what, we should love other people the same way.

(Close the Bible.)

“That’s our Bible Truth for today, friends.

Exit Sketch

CG: Exit Sketch Video

Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: "Revelation Song"

Bring volume down to signify prayer time.

HISTORYTELLER: "Let's put our hands together and close our eyes so we can pray."

HISTORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what. We all make bad choices and we all need a friend who loves us anyway. Help us to be a good friend and love others the way Jesus loves us—so high and so wide. We love You, God! In Jesus' name amen."

Dismiss

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.

CG: Theme Slide ("Everybody Praise Him")

CG: Full Video (If needed)

MEMORY VERSE

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EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV



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(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)
