



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

I can show God's love by being kind.

THE BIBLE

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:31-37

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- **ACTIVITY** | Happy/Sad Toss
- **ACTIVITY** | Give Love

TEACHING TIME

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- **VIDEO** | Real Love, Episode 2
- **BIBLE STORY** | Luke 10:25-37
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DISCUSSION TIME

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- **ACTIVITY** | Bandage Matching
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- **ACTIVITY** | Donkey Riding Relay
- **ACTIVITY** | Emoji Discs



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HACKS FOR TODDLERS



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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

GENERAL TIPS

This week's focus is on showing toddlers that there are people who love them and take care of them. As you change a diaper or pick a kid up, tell them that you show how much you love them when you take care of them.

ACTIVITY | Happy/Sad Toss

Gather some board books that show families. Look at the pictures with the kids and talk about how people love them and care for them. Say, "When we are sad, the people who love us make us happy!"

BIBLE STORY | Luke 10:25-37

It will be challenging to sustain the attention of toddlers during this time. Put some long gauze wrappings in a bucket for the kids to play with while you tell them about today's Bible story.

ACTIVITY | Bandage Matching

You can demonstrate to younger kids the kindness the Samaritan showed in today's story through play. Give the kids baby dolls and wipes to help wash the baby dolls. Then talk with the kids about how people that love us take care of us.



ACTIVITY | Donkey Riding Relay

Toddlers would enjoy pretending to ride a horse around the room. But if you are concerned about

safety, you can opt out of this activity and allow them free play. Put some toddler-sized people figures in a dollhouse for the kids to play with. While they play, talk about how our family shows that they love us.

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When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

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THE BIBLE

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:31-37

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Happy/Sad Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw some happy and sad faces onto yellow cups beforehand. Put the cups in a row on one side of a table. Give the kids pom poms to toss into the cups.
- These cups have happy and sad faces. Our Bible story today is going to start sad but it's going to end happy!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Gather some board books that show families. Look at the pictures with the kids and talk about how people love them and care for them. Say, "When we are sad, the people who love us make us happy!"

ACTIVITY | Give Love

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids heart-shaped stickers to put on each other's hands or arms. Help the kids give a sticker to everyone in the room.
- When you shared your stickers, you were being so kind. Our Bible story is about someone that chose to be kind. You can share God's love by being kind.

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Sing Along

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play music videos of songs about God loving everyone! Here are some suggestions:

- [“This Is My Commandment”](#) by Cedarmont Kids
- [“Love the Lord”](#) by Worship Together Kids

THE BIG IDEA | I can show God’s love by being kind.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show children these hand motions (or make your own) to help them remember the Big Idea.
 - **I can show** (point to self)
 - **God’s love** (make a heart with your index fingers)
 - **by being kind** (hold hands with other kids)
- Now, let’s walk around in a circle holding hands. Being kind is so fun!

VIDEO | Real Love, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week’s [teaching video](#).

BIBLE STORY | Luke 10:25-37

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Summarize the story of the Good Samaritan in a way it is understandable to young children. A suggested script is as follows:
- Jesus told everyone we should love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He said this is the most important thing we needed to do. But the second most important thing is to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves! But. . . who is our neighbor?
- To answer that question, Jesus tells a story about a man who was lying down on the side of the road. He got hurt very badly by some robbers and he needed help!
- Who would help the man who was hurt? Well, first a priest came down the road and saw the hurt man (*Hold your hand over your eyebrows as if looking into the distance*). **Did the priest help the hurt man?** No, he didn’t (*Pause and make a sad face*).
- Next, a Levite came down the road and saw the hurt man (*Hold your hand over your eyebrows as if looking into the distance*). **Did the Levite help the hurt man?** No, he didn’t (*Pause and make a sad face*).
- A third man to come down the road was a Samaritan (*Ask the kids to repeat “Samaritan” with you*). He was not from the same town as the hurt man. No one thought the Samaritan was going to help the hurt man, but do you know what he did? The Samaritan helped the hurt man (*Get the kids to clap and cheer*)! The Samaritan saw the hurt man, and felt sad for him. The Samaritan put bandages on the hurt man and helped him to travel somewhere safe. The Samaritan let the hurt man ride on his donkey to an inn where the hurt man could stay until he was all better.
- **Who was kind to the hurt man?** The Samaritan! God loves everyone and wants us to show His love by being kind to everyone we meet. Say it with me, I can show God’s love by being kind.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Put some long gauze wrappings in a bucket for the kids to play with while you tell them about today’s Bible story.

ACTIVITY | My Hands Can Be Kind

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use a crayon to trace the shape of each kid's hands onto a sheet of construction paper and then allow the kids to decorate their hand outlines with crayons, stickers, or watercolor paints. Write the Big Idea on the papers.
- We can use our hands to do kind things just like the Good Samaritan. Show someone your hand today and say, "I can show God's love by being kind!"

PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite the kids to kneel down close to the floor and pretend to take care of the hurt man in the Bible story. Tell the kids the Samaritan in the story had to get down low to the ground to care for the hurt man. While you are still down on the floor, pray together.
- God, we are so glad You help us when we are hurt. Help us to show how much You love us by being kind to others. God, please help me to be kind.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Happy Face

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a yellow paper plate and some snacks, such as pretzels, cut up fruits, or small crackers to make a happy face with. Tell the kids to make sure their happy face has eyes and a mouth.
- The man who got hurt in the story today was so happy when the Samaritan was kind to him.

ACTIVITY | Follow the Road

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids toy cars to push along a road-themed rug or a masking tape line you make on the floor.
- Our Bible story was about a man who was traveling on the road.
- **Who hurt the man?**
- **Who was not kind to the man?**
- **Who was kind to the hurt man?**
- The Samaritan man didn't just keep going on the road. He stopped to help the hurt man.
- **Can you show me how your toy car stops?** High five! You can stop and be a helper, too. We can be kind helpers. I can show God's love by being kind.

ACTIVITY | Bandage Matching

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare two round, two medium-sized, two large, and two character-themed adhesive bandages. Put each bandage onto an index card to make a matching game for the kids. Put one of each pair face down on the table and the matching card face up on the table. Show the kids how to turn over a card to find a matching bandage. As the kids play the game, ask them questions to help them remember the Bible story.
- The Samaritan used bandages to help the hurt man. He showed the hurt man God's love. I am so glad the Samaritan was kind. **I can show God's love by being kind.**

- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** You can demonstrate to younger kids the kindness the Samaritan showed in today's story through play. Give the kids baby dolls and wipes to help wash the baby dolls. Then talk with the kids about how people that love us take care of us.

MEMORY VERSE | 1 John 4:11

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Review the sign language, hand motions, or song you made for the memory verse last week!

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Remind the kids of today's story. Be sure to write each kid's name onto the coloring page.
- You can be kind to someone in your family by giving them this coloring page you colored. Say it with me, **"I can show God's love by being kind."**

ACTIVITY | Donkey Riding Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids pool noodles to hold to pretend to ride. (Bonus: Offer a doll for the kid to care for. Ask, "Can the doll ride on your donkey?")
- You can pretend to ride on the back of a donkey just like the man in the story. The Samaritan man had a donkey. Hee-haw! You can ride on the donkey. **How does a donkey gallop around?**
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** You can opt out of this activity for toddlers and allow them free play. Put some toddler-sized people figures in a dollhouse for the kids to play with. While they play, talk about how our family shows that they love us.

ACTIVITY | Emoji Discs

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw fun emoji faces onto yellow paper plates and then use the plates like a flying disc (i.e. Frisbee) to toss into a box or basket on the other end of the room. Ask the kids to make funny faces with you that match each emoji, like a sweet, lovey face for the emoji with heart eyes or a silly, toothy smile for the emoji with the big, toothy smile. Encourage the kids to help you pick up the plates.
- Thank you for your help! **You are showing God's love by being so kind!**

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.