

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

God made us for love—the greatest love. He made that clear when He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us how to give and receive His love.

When Jesus walked the Earth, He was God's love in the flesh. Jesus showed us time and time again that He loves us. That's why our focus this month is the powerful truth Jesus loves me. We were all made for His love! And that is why we chose The Big Sandbox for the theme. We want every child to know that Jesus is their friend and He is inviting them—all of them—to join Him, because He loves them. Everyone can play in *The Big Sandbox*!

In a world where people and circumstances can easily make a person feel unloved, it is our desperate prayer that we can equip our preschoolers with the powerful truth that Jesus loves me. We want our preschoolers to live life knowing and believing—never doubting—that they are loved by the greatest love, and nothing will ever change that. After all, this is what they were made for—they were made for His love.

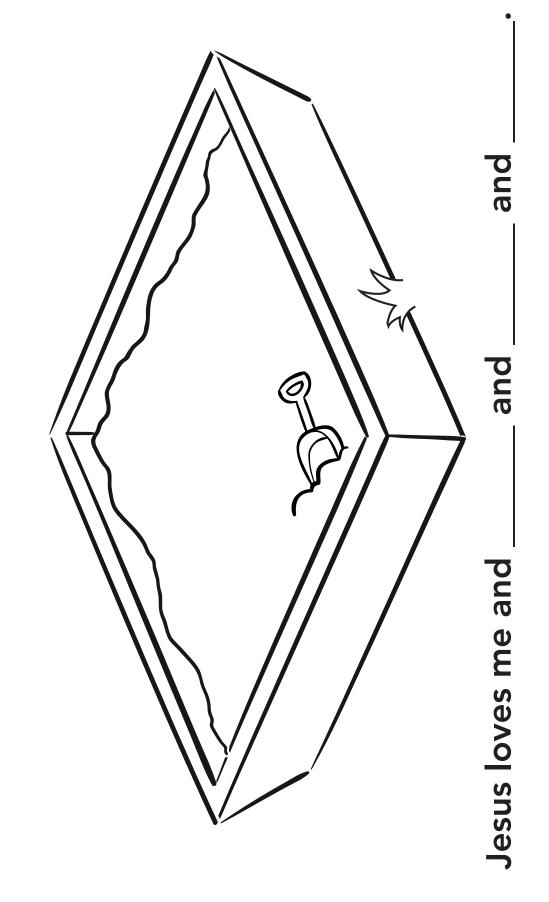
WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Jesus and the Children Luke 18:15-16	STORY FOCUS Jesus loves me.
w e e k TWO	BIBLE STORY Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42	STORY FOCUS Jesus wants to spend time with me.
THREE THREE	BIBLE STORY The Centurion Matthew 8:5-13	STORY FOCUS Jesus wants to help me.

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE	
"A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES." PROVERBS 17:17, NIrV	WHO LOVES YOU?	JESUS LOVES ME.	
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.			

FEBRUARY 2021 Memory Verse Motions



Jesus loves the children.



Dear Parent,

Today, we heard a Bible story about two of Jesus' friends named Mary and Martha. We learned Jesus wants to spend time with us, because He loves us. Say the story rhyme below, with your child, along with the motions, to help them remember that Jesus loves them and wants to spend time with them.

Mary and Martha Story Rhyme

Luke 10:38-42

"Jesus went to see His friends. He wanted to spend time with them. Mary and Martha opened the door, but only Mary sat down with Him."

"Martha was way too busy.

She had cooking and cleaning to do.

And when she got upset with Mary,

Jesus said, 'I came to spend time with YOU.'"

"Jesus wants to spend time with me. He likes to listen and talk. I can be with Jesus anywhere!

At home, in a car, or on a walk!"

(Walk in place)

(Continue walking in place)

(Pretend to open door)

(Sit down quickly)

(Stand up and run in place)

(Continue running in place)

(Hands on hips, make angry face)

(Point to a friend and smile)

(Point thumbs to chest)

(Cup hand behind ear)

(Stretch arms out wide)

(Walk in place)



The Centurion's servant was very sick. The Centurion cared about his servant so he went to ask Jesus for help.



The Centurion's asked Jesus to help make his servant better. He told Jesus he believed he had the power to help.



The Centurion went back home. When he got there, his servant was all better. Jesus had helped him!



Jesus loves me.

The Thankful Woman Luke 7:36-50