



BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us God's love.

GOD STORY

Peter and Jesus (Mark 1:29–37; Matthew 6:5–7)

KEY VERSE

...let's love each other, because love is from God... (1 John 4:7a, CEB)

MUSIC

"J-E-S-U-S" (*The Meeting House Kids*)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Craft sticks
- Fabric (bed)
- Story characters (Peter, his wife's mom, Jesus)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Read Mark 1:29–31 to review the story.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that in one of today's stories from the Bible, Jesus heals Peter's wife's mom.
- Work together to build Peter's house with the craft sticks.
- Place the fabric inside the house to create a bed. Put Peter's wife's mom on it.
- Set up Peter and Jesus inside the house.
- Use the story characters to show Jesus healing Peter's wife's mom. Help her get up!
- Remind everyone that **Jesus shows us God's love**. Jesus showed God's love to Peter's wife's mom by healing her.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Bed sheet or large blanket
- Furniture (e.g., chairs, table, etc.)
- Notebooks
- Colouring and writing supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, pens, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Drape a bed sheet or blanket over furniture to set up a prayer tent.
- Explain that in one of today's Bible stories, Jesus talks to God. God wants us to talk to him, too!
- Invite the children to take their prayer journals into the tent. Encourage them to draw or write all kinds of prayers to God.
- Remind them that when we record prayers in a journal, we can go back and read them to see how God is working in our lives!
- Review prayers from the previous weeks and reflect on how God has answered them.



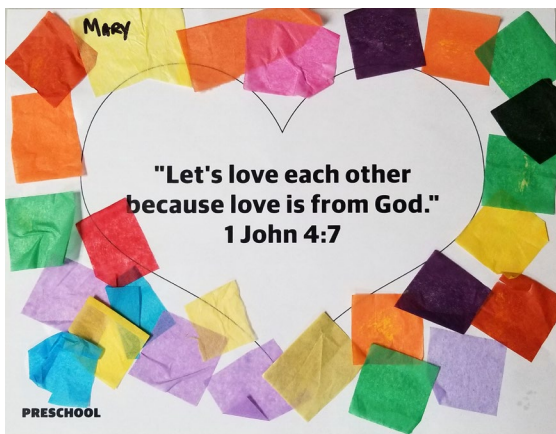
4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Love activity pages
- Tissue paper squares
- Glue sticks
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child an activity page.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can share them.
- Read aloud the Key Verse printed on the page.
- Demonstrate how to dab a glue stick gently on a piece of tissue paper and stick it onto a page.
- Direct the children to glue their tissue paper squares around the heart shape and colour on their pages.
- As they work on their crafts, talk about how **Jesus shows us God's love** by healing people and showing us how to pray.
- Discuss: Is there a place where you could go to listen to God? (e.g., bedroom, yard, special chair)



5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Key Verse words printed on cards
- String

TIP

- Re-use the supplies from Week 1. This activity is done again in Week 5.

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the sign where everyone can see it.
- Mix up the Key Verse words.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series. Point out the words on the sign as you read 1 John 4:7.
- Work together to arrange the words on the cards in the correct order.
- String the verse together.
- Take the cards off the string and do it again.
- Repeat saying the verse out loud together.
- When you're done, display it somewhere that your family will see it throughout the month.