



BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us God's love.

GOD STORY

Jesus Heals a Man (Mark 1:40–45)

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

- Dolls and/or stuffed animals
- Gauze bandages
- Toy medical kits

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Pretend the dolls are sick. Invite the children to take turns helping them feel better.
- b. Encourage everyone to wrap up the dolls in gauze bandages and use the toy medical kits.
- c. Remind the children that **Jesus shows us God's love**.
- d. Explain that in today's story from the Bible, Jesus shows God's love by making someone feel better.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Notebooks
- Colouring and writing supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, pens, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Encourage each child to use a notebook as a prayer journal. Prompt them to draw or write all kinds of prayers to God.
- b. Remind them that when we record our prayers in a journal, we can go back and read them to see how God is working in our lives!
- c. Review prayers from the previous weeks and reflect on how God has answered them.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Foam heart necklaces with yarn pre-attached
- Key Verse labels
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child a foam heart necklace, a label, some stickers, and some colouring supplies.
- Read aloud the Key Verse label.
- Guide the children to stick their label onto their foam heart.
- Direct them to decorate their heart with the stickers and colour on it if they wish.
- As the children work on their crafts, review the story. Emphasize that **Jesus shows us God's love.**



5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series. Point out the words on the sign as you read it aloud.
- Encourage the children to say the verse with you. Lead them to jump each time you say the word "love": ...let's love each other, because love is from God... (1 John 4:7).
- Repeat until everyone is familiar with the words.