

BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us God's love.

GOD STORY

Jesus In Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21)

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

- Maze activity page
- Pencil

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Remind the children that the Big Idea for this series is that **Jesus shows us God's love**.
- b. Look at the maze together and explain that when the people get to the synagogue, they can worship God and learn about him!
- c. Show the children how to follow the path with a pencil or a finger.
- d. When the maze is solved, explain that people go to a synagogue in today's story from the book of Luke. It's about the Good News of Jesus!
- e. Demonstrate the following Good News actions:
 - Open Bible: Pretend to open a Bible
 - Read out loud: Cup your hands to your mouth
 - Worship God: Lift up your hands
 - Close Bible: Pretend to close a Bible
- f. Say the descriptions and do the actions together several times.
- g. Highlight that in the upcoming story, people learn about Jesus from God's book. We can learn about Jesus from the Bible, too!

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Invite each child to use a notebook as a prayer journal. Encourage them to draw or write all kinds of prayers to God.
- b. Explain 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 week and reflect on how God has answered them.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Jesus at the Synagogue activity pages
- Collage materials
- Glue sticks
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Place the other supplies where everyone can share them.
- c. Encourage the children to be creative as they use the collage materials to decorate their pages.
 They could also colour and draw on it.
- d. As they work on their crafts, chat about the Bible story. Remind everyone that Jesus shows us God's love.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

• Key Verse sign

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the Key Verse for this series. Point out the words on the sign as you read it aloud.
- b. 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).
- c. Repeat until everyone is familiar with the words.