



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. LOOK OF LOVE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Look of Love" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, washable inkpads, heart stamps, smiley face stickers, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Look of Love" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Fold each child's paper to make the house.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color the outside of their house. Have children open the house and add their handprint, heart stamps, and smiley face stickers.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we learned that the early Church loved one another just like Jesus did."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You can love others like Jesus and the early Church, too! What does your paper look like? (Pause.) A house! That's right! In today's true Bible story, we learned that the early Church shared everything they had with each other, even their homes! Color your house. (Pause.) Nice job! Now open it and let's add your handprint. (Help children ink, stamp, and clean their hands.) When you use helping hands, you are showing love. Add some stamps to your paper. (Pause.) And when you love others, it makes everyone happy. Add some smiley face stickers. (Pause.) Great job, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today's true story from the Bible is about how more people believed that Jesus is alive and they became the very first Church! That's right! The Church is not about a building, it's about the people! People like you and me. And Jesus wants the people who are the Church to LOVE. We can show love like the early Church by doing what they did. We can love by eating together, praying together, and sharing what we have with others. We can share a coat with a friend who needs one or let someone stay at our house if they need a place. We can all be the Church and love because **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus taught us how to love one another.

**EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47**

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

BIBLE STORY

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**EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47**

SGL: Now I need everyone to sit down. Anyone who wants to try and say that verse can give it a try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! *(Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)*

"Everyone, clap for [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! *(Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)*

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! *(Pause.)* Yay! *(Clap.)* Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Today in our Bible story, the people in the first Church looked for ways they could love like Jesus. They did things like pray together, share food and clothes, and meet together to learn more about Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you can love like Jesus. *(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

"These are wonderful ways we can love like Jesus. Let's use our list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love. Thank You that **Jesus is alive** and He will help us do things like *(read the list the children made)*. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Jesus is alive.

Early Church • Acts 2:42-47

