



WiggleWay

January

I Heart My Neighbor

Big Idea:

God wants me to love my neighbor.

Leader Focus – Getting Your Heart Prepared

Principle:

Jesus loves me!

We are continuing in our series, I Heart, this week. This week we are focusing on loving others people as God has called us to do.

Scripture:

2 Kings 4: 8-17

Find a quiet moment before the children arrive, and ask God to work through you as you lead His children. Loving your neighbor is an easy thing to say, but is it as easy to put into action? Make a list of ways you see yourself loving others. What ways would you like to show more love to your neighbors?

Open Play

35 Minutes

As the children arrive have their favorite centers (blocks, books, dolls, Little People, kitchen) open for the children to free play in as they arrive.

Welcome the children as they arrive and let them know how happy you are to see them. A smile goes a long way!

Encourage the children to play together and share toys. Children this age often parallel play, they play next to each other, but not with each other.

Large Group

10 Minutes

Have the children clean up the areas before you start your group time. Toddlers love to help, give them specific jobs when it is clean up time.

Have the children come sit on the carpet when the toys are put away.

GATHERING

God Loves You! (*finger play*)

One, two (hold up pointer fingers)

This is true. (put hands together like a book)

God loves me. (point to self)

God loves you! (point to others)



PRAYER

Let's talk to God. Talking to God is called praying.

"Dear God, thank you for my home. Show me how to love my neighbors. Amen."



STORY (*Items needed: Beginner's Bible*)

Some of you may live in a house or an apartment. No matter where we live we are around other people. They are called our neighbors.

I have a story in the Bible about a nice couple and what they did for a friend. The stories in the Bible are real stories!

Read pages 226-229.

God wants us to love and help our neighbors, just like in the story. God loves you so much!

Let's stand up and dance! When we sing and dance we are letting God know we love Him.

Celebration

5 Minutes



MUSIC

Play a song of your choice and allow the children to use the instruments to worship God.

Activity/Project

5 Minutes



Project: I Heart My Neighbor

The children will use crayons to color their picture. This is a great time to interact with the children. Praise them for their hard work, encourage them to use different colors, tell them what color they are using, and most importantly tell them how much God loves them.

Snack

5 Minutes

The children may stay at the table for their Cheerios. As the children are enjoying their snack, remind them how much God loves them. When the children are finished with the Cheerios, have them throw away their cup and napkin. Thank them for being such great helpers!

As the children finish their snack and get ready to leave, they may enjoy this good bye song.

Goodbye Friends (sung to the tune "Are you Sleeping?")

Goodbye friends, good-bye friends
It's time to go, time to go
Thank you friends for helping,
Thank you friends for sharing,
Love you so, love you so.