



Have fun learning and playing
with your preschooler!

Activity

Around the Heart

What You Need:

Masking or painter's tape; *Optional piece of paper*

What You Do:

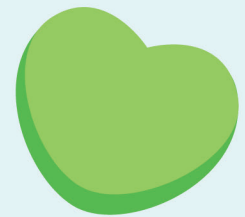
Use masking or painter's tape to create a large heart shape on the floor. (Or cut out a heart from paper and tape the heart to the floor.)

Say, "Let's play a game. I see a heart on the floor. (*Point.*) I'll call out a movement for us to do. Then I'll say, 'Jesus loves you,' and we will run into the heart."

"Are you ready? Pat your head (*pat your head*) . . . JESUS LOVES YOU! Run into the heart. (*Run to the heart.*) You did it! Let's do it again. (*Take several steps away from the heart.*) Jump up and down (*jump up and down*) . . . JESUS LOVES YOU! (*Run to the heart.*) Yay!"

(Continue with the following movements: touch toes, twist, star jump, stomp, crab walk, and bear crawl.)

Say, "Today in our Bible story, we heard how the disciples tried to send the children away, but Jesus told them to let the children come to Him. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Jesus loves you! Who loves you? Jesus loves me!"



Bible Story

Jesus and the Children
(Luke 18:15-16)

Remember This

"How wide and long
and high and deep is
the love of Christ."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who loves you?
Jesus loves me.

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus! Jesus told the disciples to let the children come near Him because He loved them. And we know that Jesus loves us, too! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray, amen."