

Preschool Winter
Lesson 11:
Caring for Other's – Valentine's Day

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show the need to care for others – Just like God cares for us!

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- Look at Lesson 1's Accommodation section for many ideas.

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet and One Sticker per child for attendance
- Plastic bottles with labels removed (may need to wash sticky glue off first) – one per child
- Ribbon – one per child to tie a bow on bottle
- Construction Paper – cut in half – one half for each child to draw a message for the bottle
- Construction Paper – cut in half – one half for each child to cover paper towel roll butterfly
- Toilet Paper Roll – clean and empty – one per child
- Pipe Cleaners – one per child cut in half for butterfly antennae
- Scrap construction paper and stickers to decorate butterfly
- Butterfly wing template – 2 per page – one set per child – printed on colored construction paper
- Glue sticks or glue to share
- Tape to share
- Heart or appropriate shaped stickers – 5-10 per child
- Ways to Care Drawing Sheet – one per child

Optional Activities

- Bean bags or soft small ball to pass around – one per class
- Candies to go into message in a bottle craft – small enough to fit in bottle, big enough for little ones not to choke
- Snack - Strawberry slices or cheese, cut into heart shapes – enough for each child (see picture below for cutting)
- Napkins
- Cups with water

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

5-10 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week, if a new child arrives put their name on the chart for them. Have them sit around the table.

Today we are going to make two crafts for Valentine's Day. We are doing this to help us remember that because God made our world and we are responsible for taking care of the earth and those in it, we should do something nice for two people in our family or for our friends. So we are going to make something nice for two people that you can share and show that you care – just like God wants us to!

First let's sing a song about God and how He cares for us!

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!
God loves _____, Yes He does!
God loves _____, just this way
And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

I'm Very Special to God

Tune: Hickory, Dickory, Dock

I'm very special to God.
He loves me very much.
He made my hands. He made my feet.
I'm very special to God!

2) Message in a Bottle Craft for Someone We Love**10-15 minutes**

Before class clean some plastic bottles with lids. Remove the labels and the sticky glue parts. If the glue won't come off, have the children use some scrap construction paper to cover over the glue strip and glue the paper onto that. Gather rest of supplies.

Hand out one half of the construction paper to each child with a crayon and have them draw or write a message of something nice for someone. Ask them who they are making the message in the bottle for. When they have their message, help them roll them up (make sure to roll it up tight and tie it so it will fit in the bottle and be able to be removed once put in!) and stick them in the bottle and screw on the lid. Hand out stickers and have them decorate the bottle with stickers and help them put a ribbon at the top of each bottle.



*Optional: you can purchase candies and have the students place some small candies that will fit in the bottle after they have inserted their message and before they screw on the lid. Using a sharpie marker write the child's name somewhere on the bottle.

3) Ways to Care Drawing Sheet Activity**10-15 minutes**

Hand out one sheet to each child with a pencil or crayons. Read the instructions aloud and then read each heart – have the students draw a picture of them doing that activity on the space beside the heart. Example helping parent with chores – draw a picture of helping mom put the laundry away. After reading each heart and having them draw a picture for each one, talk about what they can do this week and see how many ways to care they can accomplish before the end of the week!

4) Paper Roll Craft Butterfly**10-15 minutes**

Before class gather some paper towel or clean toilet paper rolls – one piece for each child. Print out the butterfly wing template onto colored construction or cardstock paper. You will get two wings for each page and only one set of wings is needed per child.

Explain to the children, can you see the picture on my page? That is what we are going to make for someone you love – a butterfly! We will decorate our butterflies and give them to someone we love to show we care about them – that will make them and God happy!

Hand out one roll with half a construction paper to each child. Have them wrap the paper around the roll and help them glue it or tape it together, cutting off any extra paper around the roll. See picture.

Cut out the wings and have them tape or glue the wings to the back of the roll only after they color and decorate the wings with scrap ribbon, paper, or stickers. Ask them if they want to write a nice caring message to the person they will give the butterfly too and help them write it down with a marker or crayon. Draw two eyes and a smiley mouth on the roll.

When done, tape the wings to the body and hand out one piece of pipe cleaner to each child that is cut in half, help them wrap the top of the butterfly's antennae and then tape the bottom halves to the inside of the roll.

See picture for help.



5) Optional: Caring Words Bean Bag Toss Game

5-10 minutes

Show your students how nice it feels to share kind, caring words with their classmates with a beanbag toss game. Ask all the kids to sit in a circle outside or in the classroom. Give them a beanbag to toss around to each other in the circle. When a child receives the beanbag, she says hello to another student in the circle and says something nice about him as she tosses the bag. The game continues until all the kids have said hello to another student and one nice thing has been said about everyone. You may want to start to give them an idea. Ex: Hi _____ I am glad you are in my Sunday School Class!

6) Sing songs

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you.

7) Optional: Snack: Fruit or Veggies

5 minutes

Hand out some fruit or veggie slices to each child. Also hand out a glass of water and napkin. Remind children to clean up after themselves with the napkin making sure their cups and garbage are put in the garbage and that they clean up any crumbs from the table before going on to the next activity. While they are eating review what they learned; **"Today we learned that part of being responsible for the earth and people on it is to care for others. Today we made crafts to share and thought of nice things we can do this week to help our friends and family."**

We are going to have a heart shaped snack to help us remember to be caring to others!



8) Close in prayer

Thank you God for Your wonderful creation. Thank you for our family, friends, pets, homes, food and clothes that you provide for us. Thank you for taking such good care of us. Help us to remember to care for others and put them first. Help us to always be kind and caring. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!