

ACTIVITY 1: JESUS SAYS

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have your family stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Instruct the family to listen to and watch you. You will do these movements for them to mimic: touch your head, jump up and down, stomp, clap hands, twist, and touch toes. Instruct the family to only mimic the movements that follow "Jesus says." Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, in our Bible story, Jesus' friends did what He said to do."

During the Activity: "Let's practice listening so that we can listen to Jesus, too. I will do movements. If I say, 'Jesus says,' before I move, then you can do the movement, too! Only do the movement if Jesus says to."

After the Activity: "Nice work! You are awesome listeners! Now, you are ready to do what Jesus says to do, just like Jesus' friends."

ACTIVITY 2: WAYS TO SAY, "JESUS LOVES YOU!"

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the family to sit with you in the activity area. Teach them how to say, "Jesus loves you" in several different languages as time and interest allow. You will want to choose one or two that best fit your demographic to concentrate on.

What You Say:

During the Activity: Do any of you speak a different language? Today, I want to teach you how to say, 'Jesus loves me' in different languages!

"First, let's learn it in sign language. This is the language you use to speak to people who can't hear. So, we use our hands. Watch this. (*Demonstrate.*)

"Jesus (*Press the middle finger of your right hand to your left palm, then press your left middle finger to your right palm.*)

“Loves (*Cross arms over chest.*)

“You. (*Point to others.*)

“In Spanish and Portuguese, Jesus loves you is Jesús te ama.

“In Chinese, Jesus loves you is Yēsū ài nǐ. (*Pronounced ‘yea soo eye knee’.*)

“In French, Jesus loves you is Jésus t’aime.

“In Swahili, Jesus loves you is Yesu anakupenda.

“In German, Jesus loves you is Jesus liebt dich.

“And in English, we say, ‘Jesus loves you!’”

After the Activity: “Great job, friends! Everyone all over the world needs to hear the GOOD news: Jesus loves you! We can tell everyone around us that good news so they can believe in Jesus, too. **Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**”