

3s/4s**NOVEMBER 22, 2026****KEY QUESTION:****WHO LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT?****BIG IDEA:****GOD LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT.****VERSE OF THE MONTH:****“NOTHING... CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD’S LOVE.” ROMANS 8:39****BIBLE STORY:****DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE – 1 SAMUEL 20:3-42****OVERVIEW****Centers****Large Group****Circle Time****Table Time****Play Time**

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FLOOR CENTER

HAPPY OR SAD

In this activity, we're going to sort pictures of things that make people happy or sad because today we will hear about a time when two friends were sad.

Supplies:

1. "Happy or Sad" Activity Pages (printed on cardstock, cut out)
2. Painter's tape

How-To:

1. Tape the happy and sad face emojis to the wall.
2. Have a child choose a picture, identify it as "happy" or "sad," and tape it under the corresponding face.
3. Repeat until all the pictures are sorted on the wall.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Everyone, show me a happy face! (*Demonstrate.*) Now show me a sad face! (*Demonstrate.*) I have lots of pictures here of things that might make us happy or sad. Let's take turns looking at these pictures to see if they make someone happy or sad. When it's your turn, you will get to tape the picture on the wall under the happy face or sad face, depending on how it makes a person feel.

During the Activity:

(*Child's name*), choose a picture! Okay, now look at the picture and hold it up so we all can see. It's ice cream! Friends, does that make you happy or sad? (*Let children respond.*) That makes people happy, doesn't it? Now, (*child's name*), let's tape the ice cream picture under the happy face. (*Continue playing until all pictures are sorted.*)

After the Activity:

Great job sorting all the pictures! Some things make us feel happy, and some things make us feel sad. Today we're going to hear about two friends who were very sad.

BIBLE STORY: DAVID AND GOLIATH - 1 SAMUEL 17:1-50
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CIRCLE TIME

What You Need:

1. Bible
2. Stickers

Say This:

Prompt the children to remember what they learned in The Playhouse. Celebrate when they remember!

- Today we learned about two best friends, David and (Jonathan).
- A mean king wanted to hurt (David).
- Jonathan warned David that he wasn't safe by shooting three (arrows).
- God loved David and Jonathan no matter what, and God loves me no matter (what).

Practice the Verse:

Open the Bible to remind the children that our verse comes from the Bible.

Are you ready to practice our Bible verse? *(Let children respond.)* Okay, let's all say it together.

"Nothing can ever separate us (make "X" arms and swipe down twice) from God's (point up) love (hug self)" Romans 8:39. (Open hands like a book.)

Now, who wants to try saying it by yourself? *(Reward each child with a sticker for saying the verse.)*

Talk About It:

God loved David no matter what and was with him even when he was sad. God is with you when you are sad, too. He loves you no matter what. Can you think of a time when you were sad? *(Help the children think of a time when they were sad. Examples might include leaving the park or missing their grandparents.)*

Let's pray and thank God for loving us no matter what and for being with us when we are sad.

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for loving us no matter what. Please help us remember that you are with us when *(talk about the things you discussed)*. We love you, God. Amen.

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TABLE TIME

HAPPY & SAD CUFFS

Supplies:

1. “Happy & Sad Cuffs” Activity Page (2 per child, printed on cardstock, cut out)
2. “Happy & Sad – Happy Label” Activity Page (1 per child, printed on OL5375 labels)
3. “Happy & Sad – Sad Label” Activity Page (1 per child, printed on OL5375 labels)
4. Crayons
5. Scotch tape

Note: Children will use cuffs
for Play Time.

How-To:

1. Pre-cut the paper strips from the Activity Page, and then give each child a pair.
2. Help them place a happy face sticker on one paper strip and a sad face on the other strip.
3. Encourage the children to color their paper strips.
4. When they finish coloring, tape the paper strips around each child’s wrists to make cuffs.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Jonathan and David were sad when they had to say goodbye to each other. But they knew God loved them no matter what, and that made them feel happy. God loved them no matter how they were feeling. God loves us no matter how we’re feeling too! God loves you no matter what, and **[Big Idea] God loves me no matter what!** We’re going to make these cuff bracelets to help us remember that, and then we’ll play a game with them!

During the Activity:

(Give each child 2 paper strips.) Let’s put a happy and sad face on each of your paper strips *(demonstrate)*. Then, you can color them! *(Allow children to decorate their cuffs.)* When you are finished coloring, we’ll tape them on your wrists to make cuffs that you can wear!

After the Activity:

Great decorating, friends! Wear your cuffs and let’s play a game with them right now.
(Transition to Play Time.)