

# MAY PRESCHOOL 2-4s | W5

**Today's Bible Story:** Matthew's Dinner • Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

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**Key Question:** Who does Jesus care about?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus cares about everyone.

**Memory Verse:** *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.* • Ephesians 3:18 NIV

## PRESCHOOL TIMETABLE

### FREE PLAY (10 Minutes)

Set out simple toys and puzzles. Welcome kids as they arrive.

### PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 Minutes)

Lead kids in singing. Encourage them to join in.

### MOVE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Do a short, fun movement activity.

### BIBLE STORY (15 Minutes)

Tell the Bible story clearly and simply.

### MEMORY VERSE (5 Minutes)

Say the verse together and practice the motions. Repeat a few times to help kids remember.

### CREATE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Help kids complete a simple craft that connects to the Bible Story.

### SNACK TIME (5 Minutes)

Pray before eating. Watch for allergies.

### HOME TIME (5 Minutes)

Help kids take their craft. Please make sure the child's tag matches the parent's tag before dismissal.



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# MOVE ACTIVITY

5 min

## Follow Jesus | Made to Move

### What You Need

-  "Follow Jesus" Activity Page 1
-  Cardstock 1
-  Jumbo craft stick 1
-  Masking tape 1

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "Follow Jesus" on cardstock, one per Small Group. Tape the picture of Jesus to the top of the craft stick.

*During the Activity:* Hold the Jesus figure up and walk around the room slowly with the children.

*After the Activity:* Introduce the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Let's go on a walk and follow Jesus. (Hold up the picture of Jesus.) When I say, 'Come follow Jesus!' you can walk behind me."

*During the Activity:* "Listen for your name! (Start walking.) [Child's name], (hold the picture of Jesus up high) come follow Jesus! [Child's name], (hold the picture of Jesus up high) come follow Jesus! (Continue to walk slowly until all the children are walking with you.) Great job following Jesus!"

*After the Activity:* "Today in our true Bible Story, we are going to hear about a man named Matthew who followed Jesus too! Let's go find out more about Matthew."

5 min

# WORSHIP

5 min

## Orange Kids Music

### What You Need

No supplies needed

LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!  
"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

20 min

# Bible Story Section

10 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "It's time for a true story from the Bible!"

(Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.)

"Today's true Bible story is found in the Gospel of Mark, and it begins with a man named Matthew."

(SLIDE: Story Image W5 01 – Matthew at his tax booth)

"Hmm... I wonder what happens to Matthew?"

"There's no time to wait... let's watch today's Bible story!"

2 min

**MEMORY VERSE****What You Need**

No supplies needed

"Hey kids! Everyone, stand up!

"It's our FAVORITE time... Memory Verse time! Are you ready?

"Okay! Look at the screen and follow the actions!

"Great! Now this time, look at me and follow along!

"Awesome job! You did so great!

"Now... let's hop on one foot all the way to our craft table! Ready?"





5 min

# CREATE ACTIVITY

5 min

## You, and You, and You | Made to Create \*

### What You Need

	"You, and You, and You" Activity Page	1
	Crayons or washable markers	Several
	People or smiley face stickers	Several
	Permanent marker	1

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "You, and You, and You" on cardstock, one per child. Fold and cut each child's paper and write their name on it.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to color the outside of their heart then ask children to open their heart and decorate the inside with people stickers.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Look at your paper! Wow! It's a heart! Hearts make us think of love. We're going to decorate these hearts today and turn them into something special!"

*During the Activity:* "Use the crayons/markers to decorate the outside of your hearts. *(Pause.)* Wonderful! Now open your heart and fill it with these people/smiley face stickers. *(Pause.)* Wow! You added lots and lots and lots of people to your heart. Jesus loves all kinds of people because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

*After the Activity:* "Today in our Bible Story, we learned about a tax collector named Matthew. Most people stayed away from tax collectors. But not Jesus! Jesus loves and cares about everyone. Jesus went right up to Matthew and said, 'Follow Me!' And Matthew did! Then he had a big dinner with Jesus and invited all his friends. Some people thought Jesus shouldn't be with those people, but Jesus heard them and said that He came because He wants everyone to follow Him! Jesus never stops caring. Look at all the people in your heart. Jesus cares about every single one of them. And He cares about YOU!

Who cares about everyone? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

# PRAYER

**LEADER:** "Dear God, Jesus is so amazing! Jesus cares about everyone and wants to be their friend forever. Help us to care about everyone like You want us to. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

# Supplies

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1.	"Follow Jesus" Activity Page	1
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