

First Look | May 3

**Today's Bible Story:** Villages, Towns, Countryside • Mark 6:53-57

Jesus cares about everyone.

**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

## 1. Flat Jesus

### What You Need:

- "Flat Jesus" Activity Page
- Crayons or washable markers
- Permanent marker
- Heart & happy face stickers

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "Flat Jesus" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a picture to decorate.

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

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Hello friends! Come to the table and let's get ready to make some super fun story art to take home today."

*During the Activity:* "Tell me who this is a picture of. (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! It's a big picture of Jesus! Color your picture as I review today's story. Today, we learned that wherever Jesus went, He did amazing things to help people. Wherever Jesus went, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside, people ran throughout the area and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus. They knew that Jesus cared about them and could help them. Friends, Jesus is so powerful that sometimes just touching Jesus' clothes could heal the sick. In one town, people crowded around Jesus to reach for His robe, and Jesus healed every single person who touched His clothes. Jesus loves and cares about everyone!"

*After the Activity:* "You can take your picture of Jesus everywhere you go and tell people in those places that Jesus loves them and cares about them. **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

## 2. Pray

"Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for today's bible story. What a great reminder that You care about everyone! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."