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Bible Story Focus: God loves me and sent Jesus to be my friend forever.
God Gave His Only Son • *John 3:16*

Memory Verse: “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”
Romans 8:39, NIV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: God loves me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Preschool Family Discussion

God Loves You!

What You Need: A gift box and small hearts (cut out a heart from paper; one for each child)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the hearts in the gift box. Set the gift box on the floor in the center of your activity area.

During the Activity: Gather the children around the box. Starting with the child on your left, repeat the verse together, replacing the word ‘us’ with that child’s name. So, if the child’s name is Elizabeth, you would say, ‘Nothing at all can ever separate Elizabeth from God’s love.’ When a child hears her name, she may walk to the gift box, collect a heart sticker, then return to the same spot in the circle. Continue, reciting the verse with each child’s name until every child has a heart. Encourage the children to say the verse with you.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our memory verse this month says, ‘Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love,’ Romans 8:39. I’m going to repeat the verse, but I’ll include each of your names when I say it. If you hear your name, you may walk over the box and take out ONE heart sticker. How many hearts do we take? *(Pause.)* One, that’s right! We want to make sure every friend gets a heart.”

After the Activity: “Everyone hold up your heart for me. This sticker will remind you that NOTHING can separate you from God’s love. He sent His son Jesus to show us how much He loves each one of us. Jesus came to be our friend forever. So, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**”

Adult: “Today we learned that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. That’s a lot of love! But wait, there’s more! Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love either. It’s true! And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember how much God loves us.”

Adult: “Let’s stand up and say it together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and Adult: “Nothing at all (*shake head and wave your arms in front of you*) can separate (*lock your fingers together*) us from God’s (*point up with both hands*) love (*hug yourself*). Romans 8:39.” (*Open your hands like a book.*)

(Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.)

Adult: “See? God loves you! A lot! **Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN and Adult: [*Bottom Line*] “**God loves me!**”

Adult: “Yes, God loves you and everyone in the whole world SO much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever.

Adult: “Today, we are going to make a list of people God loves. Think of someone you want to write down in our prayer journal. When I say your name, you tell me their name, and I’ll write it down. It can be anyone, because God loves everyone!”

(Say each child’s name and write down who they say. Remember to print the names so the children recognize their names and the letters.)

Adult: “Thank you for making this list with me. Let’s pray and thank God for loving everyone so much He gave us Jesus.

Prayer

Adult: “Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You for loving (*read the list the children made*), and everyone else in the world. You really are the best! In Jesus’ name, amen.”