

WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2025

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Be a friend to one another.

PETER AND CORNELIUS
ACTS 10; ROMANS 15:7

MEMORY VERSE

"Think and act as Jesus did."

PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who shows you
how to love others?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus shows me
how to love others.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; and this month's worship song, "Live It Out," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Live It Out," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm so excited you're here. We are learning that Jesus shows us how to love others! Tell me: **Who shows you how to love others?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus shows me how to love others."**

LEADER: "Yes! We can love others because Jesus shows us how. Sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "Live It Out," this month's worship song.

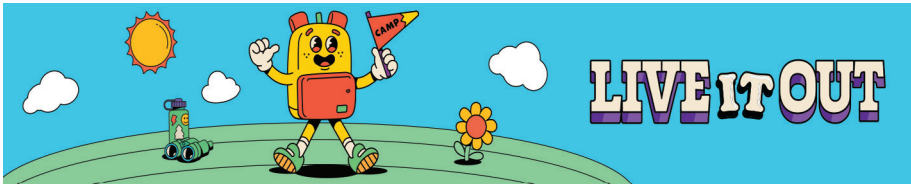
"What an awesome song! I'm so glad that Jesus shows you and **Jesus shows me how to love others!** And the Bible teaches us that we should 'Think (*point to head*) and act (*walk in place*) as Jesus did,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Philippians 2:5. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Let's say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"When we think and act as Jesus did, we love everyone around us like Jesus loves us!

"Thanks for worshipping with me today! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"



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WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I am here to tell you a true story from the Bible!

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

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"Today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* EVERYONE! *(Hold arms out wide.)* Tell me: Who does Jesus love?"

Cross arms over chest. Hold arms out wide.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "EVERYONE!"

LEADER: "That's right! Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* EVERYONE! *(Hold arms out wide.)*

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"Now, Jesus had a friend named Peter, and Peter wanted to 'think and act as Jesus did.' *(Philippians 2:5)* So, if Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* everyone, *(hold arms out wide)* and Peter wants to be like Jesus, who should Peter love?"

Cross arms over chest. Hold arms out wide.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "EVERYONE!"

LEADER: "That's right! Peter should love *(cross arms over chest)* everyone! *(Hold arms out wide.)* And one day, Jesus taught Peter what it means to love everyone.

"Jesus told Peter that loving everyone means loving people who were different from Peter. And since Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* everyone *(hold arms out wide)*, Peter should love *(cross arms over chest)* everyone *(hold arms out wide)* too.

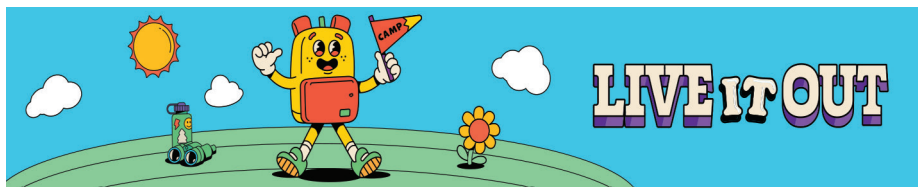
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"Later, a man named Cornelius invited Peter to his house. Cornelius was different from Peter. What do you think Peter should do?

"Should Peter love *(cross arms over chest)* Cornelius and be his friend? If you think Peter should love *(cross arms over chest)* like Jesus and be a friend to Cornelius, do the sign for love with me. *(Cross arms over chest.)*

"Yes, Peter should love like Jesus and be a friend to Cornelius. And that's what Peter did!

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"When Peter got to Cornelius' house, Peter went inside. All of Cornelius' friends and family were there too. Peter told them about Jesus. *(Get excited.)* Peter told them that Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* everyone! *(Hold arms out wide.)*

"Jesus loves everyone and wants to be their friend forever—no matter what language they speak, no matter where they live, no matter what they look like—because Jesus loves *(cross arms over chest)* everyone! *(Hold arms out wide.)* Wow! Jesus is the best friend ever!

"Now, what are some ways WE can love everyone?

"Can you be a friend to someone who likes to play with race cars when you would rather read books? *(Pause.)* If you can be a friend and love like Jesus, do the sign for love *(cross arms over chest)* with me and say, 'I can love everyone like Jesus!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love everyone like Jesus!"

LEADER: "Can you be a friend to someone who likes apples when you would rather eat a banana? *(Pause.)* If you can be a friend and love like Jesus, do the sign for love *(cross arms over chest)* with me and say, 'I can love like Jesus!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love everyone like Jesus!"

LEADER: "Being a friend to everyone is one way Jesus shows us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love others?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus shows me how to love others!"**

LEADER: "Now tell a friend. **Who shows you how to love others?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus shows me how to love others!"**

LEADER: "Yes! Way to go! **Jesus shows me how to love others.** **[Transition]** Our story time is over *(pick up and close Bible)*, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to show us how to love others. Please help us to think and act as Jesus did and love everyone. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Lead small group to the first activity.

