

The Greatest Commandment

Bible Story Focus: Look for ways to love people like Jesus.

The Greatest Commandment • *Matthew 22:36-40*;
1 Corinthians 13

Memory Verse: “Let us keep looking to Jesus.” Hebrews 12:2, NIV

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Crafts

Spinning with Love

What You Need: “Day 5 Bottom Line Labels” Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; paper plates (one per child); a pencil; scissors; heart stickers; heart stamps; washable inkpads in pink or red; a single hole punch; yarn; and wet wipes

What You Do:

Give each child a plate to decorate with the stickers or stamps. As the children finish, use the scissors to cut along the pencil line on the plate to create a spiral. Punch a hole in the top, run the yarn through the hole, and tie it in a knot to secure for hanging. Give each child a “Day 5 Bottom Line Label” to add to the spinner. Give each child a wet wipe to clean hands.

What You Say:

“Today we’re learning to look for ways to love people like Jesus. Let’s make a wind spinner to remind us that Jesus loves us and He wants us to spread His love to others too. As you add your stickers and stamps, be sure not to cover the line on your plate so we can’t see it. I will make a careful cut along that line as you finish decorating. Let’s also add a piece of yarn at the top for hanging. Where will you hang your spinner? Will you hang it in your room? That would be fun! Let’s also add a label that says, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever.’**”

“Every time you watch this spinner spin around and around, I want you to think about showing love to all the people around you just as Jesus loves you! Tell me: **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”