



Day 1

Trusty
the Guide Dog

Action Point: "Jesus accepts me, I accept you."

Key Verse: "Let the little children come." Luke 18:16 (NIV)

Bible Story: Jesus invites the children.

Adventures with Dr. Luke

Jesus shows His love by accepting us. Dr. Luke recalls how Jesus showed His love for kids by instructing the disciples to allow them to come to Him. He welcomed them even though others felt that they were not important enough to demand His attention.

The Clubhouse

Teacher Tess teaches acceptance through empathy as kids are given a specific tool or clothing that represents a person's job. They are asked to imagine how the employee would feel on their first day of work. The Action Point is further emphasized by playing Musical Chairs where they practice acceptance by coming up with a way to encourage each other when they are eliminated.

Play Station

Silly Scramble is a simple tag game that primes kids to talk about acceptance and how we can learn to accept those who want to be our friends.

Connection Station

Kids are reminded how God loves us by eating a green M&M. They receive a prayer box and they will write a prayer thanking God for accepting them and place it in their box. Every day they will get a chance to add a prayer to their box. Additional activity includes creating and decorating a prayer flag that describes how it feels when they are accepted by God and others.

Snack Shack

Today the kids are enjoying a snack of breadsticks and dipping sauces. They are reminded of how Jesus accepts us as they dunk their breadsticks, representing us, into the red and white dipping sauces that represent His love.

Creation Station

In Creation Station the kids will be creating their very own Kidsville. Today they will be making the most important thing in their town—themselves! This is to remind them that Jesus always wants His children around.

The alternate craft is a dog collar/shoelace lanyard for the Bible Pals.





Day 1 – Discussion Questions

PLAYGROUND OPENING PROGRAM

- How do you think Will felt about not being accepted?
- What would you have done to make Will feel accepted?

CONNECTION STATION

- How does it feel to know you are accepted by God?

ADVENTURES WITH DR. LUKE

- How did you feel when Assistant Ashley stopped you?
- How do you know that Jesus accepts you?

PLAY STATION

- Who does Jesus ask us to accept?
- How can we learn to accept those who want to be our friends?

THE CLUBHOUSE

- What do you think the person who uses this item might do for work?
- Now let's imagine that this is his/her very first day at work. What do you think he/she might be thinking or feeling? *(Accept all responses, but explore the idea that he/she might be just as nervous as anyone else.)*
- What are some things people might do that make others not feel accepted?
- What are some things that we can do to make people feel accepted?





Day 2

Snuggles the Therapy Dog

Action Point: "Jesus cares for me, I care for you."

Key Verse: "Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same.'" Luke 10:37 (NASB)

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan cares.

Adventures with Dr. Luke

Jesus shows His love by caring for us. Dr. Luke relives the story of the Good Samaritan through an interactive group skit showing how the Samaritan cared for one who needed help. Jesus instructs us to go and do the same.

The Clubhouse

Teacher Tess teaches the lesson of caring by being observant through the game of Dr. Luke Says, a version of Simon Says, except that no one is eliminated. Observance is further emphasized through the game Identifying Feelings where kids are encouraged to pay attention to the emotions of others.

Play Station

Devoted Defender is a dodge ball-type game that demonstrates the role that we as Christians play in sticking up for those who might not have someone to defend them.

Connection Station

Kids are reminded about caring by eating a blue M&M. They will place in their prayer box a prayer that they have written for someone who needs healing. Additional activity includes writing the name of the person they are praying for on a popsicle stick and sharing with each other why they are praying for them.

Snack Shack

Today's snack is a piece of banana bread in the shape of a heart. The heart is to remind us that Jesus cares for us and how we can care for others. Kids are encouraged to think of ways that they can show the care of Jesus to others.

Creation Station

Kids will have fun learning about how God cares for us and how we can care for each other. Our homes should be a place with a loving and safe atmosphere, where we learn to care for others. Today we will add to our Kidsville by creating and decorating our homes.

The alternate craft is a mini shoebox bank that will be used to save money for Operation Shoes. The kids will take their bank home and bring it back on the last day of VBX.





Day 2 – Discussion Questions

PLAYGROUND OPENING PROGRAM

- How do you think Haddie felt when Jacob didn't seem to care about her?
- What would you have done to help Haddie?

CONNECTION STATION

- What are some things you can do to show that person you care about them?


ADVENTURES WITH DR. LUKE

- Why do you think Jesus told this story?
- How does Jesus care for us when we're hurt?

PLAY STATION

- How can we show Jesus that we care about each other?
- How can we help someone else who is being treated unkindly?

THE CLUBHOUSE

- Why do you think it is important to recognize how people are feeling?
 - How can we show that we care for the feelings of others?
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Day 3 *Buddy the Police Dog*

Action Point: "Jesus is with me, I am with you."

Key Verse: "Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the huge waves to stop." Luke 8:24 (NIRV)

Bible Story: Jesus is with the disciples in the storm.

Adventures with Dr. Luke

Jesus shows His love by always being there for us. Dr. Luke interviews Apostle Peter as he shares his testimony about that terrifying night at sea. As Jesus calmed the storm, He can do the same in our lives today.

The Clubhouse

Teacher Tess teaches how to be supportive when others go through difficult times. The kids use a multi-colored beach ball to talk about their feelings and how to be there for a friend through all of life's emotions.

Play Station

Trickier Telephone is a charade relay game. The kids will communicate an action or a motion rather than a phrase or a story. The object of this game is to reinforce the importance of paying attention to visual cues.

Connection Station

Kids are reminded that they can always turn to Jesus no matter what's going on by eating a yellow M&M. They will place in their prayer box a written prayer of how they want Jesus to be a part of their lives. Additional activity includes writing on a wrist band how God is a part of their life.

Snack Shack

The Snack Shack special today is a taco boat. The veggie meat in the shell represents the kids. As they add toppings to cover the veggie meat, the kids are reminded of the many ways Jesus is with us and covers us.

Creation Station

Through the Bible lesson, kids will learn that Jesus is with them, just like He was with the disciples in the storm. Today kids will create a boat for their Kidsville that will remind them Jesus is always with them and that they can be there for each other.

The alternative craft is decorating their own bandana.





Day 3 – Discussion Questions

PLAYGROUND OPENING PROGRAM

- How did Haddie feel about Jacob leaving her?
- What would you have done?

CONNECTION STATION

- Describe a time when you felt that Jesus was with you. How did that make you feel?

ADVENTURES WITH DR. LUKE

- Why was it hard for the disciples to know Jesus was with them?
- How can we trust when we're going through a hard time?

PLAY STATION

- Why is it important to know how others are feeling?
- If you know someone feels bad, what's something you can do to make them feel better?





Day 4 *Mercy the Search & Rescue Dog*

Action Point: "Jesus forgives me, I forgive you."

Key Verse: "Father, forgive them." Luke 23:34 (NIV)

Bible Story: Jesus forgives us.

<i>Adventures with Dr. Luke</i>	<i>The Clubhouse</i>
Jesus modeled forgiveness on the cross by extending it to those who hurt Him. In Adventures with Dr. Luke, Mary painfully relives the sacrifice that Jesus made. Just as Jesus forgave us, we need to be able to forgive those who hurt us.	Teacher Tess teaches about the importance of releasing grudges and hurt feelings through forgiveness. Each kid is given a corn seed to place in their shoe as they walk around. It's to represent a grudge and how uncomfortable it is to hold onto. Kids will plant their corn seed, symbolizing that they have chosen to let it go and turned it over to God.
<i>Play Station</i>	<i>Connection Station</i>
Eager Escapade is a form of an egg-toss relay game that gives kids the opportunity to practice forgiveness.	Kids are reminded about the importance of forgiving those who may have hurt them by eating a red M&M. They will write a prayer for something they want Jesus to forgive and put it in their prayer box. Additional activity includes creating a cootie catcher that talks about different aspects of forgiveness.
<i>Snack Shack</i>	<i>Creation Station</i>
Today's snack is a cross made out of fruits. As they prepare and enjoy their snack, the kids are reminded of Jesus dying on the cross to forgive our sins.	At Creation Station kids will learn that forgiving others is important. Kids will add a cross to their Kidsville reminding us that God is loving and forgiving and we should forgive others too! Kids will also make signs as a reminder that God is our guide. The alternate craft is a cross made with popsicle sticks and pennies or a cross bird feeder.





Day 4 – Discussion Questions

PLAYGROUND OPENING PROGRAM

- Who did Jacob need to forgive? Why?
- What would you have done?

CONNECTION STATION

- Share a time when you forgave someone for being mean or unkind to you. How easy or hard was it to forgive?


ADVENTURES WITH DR. LUKE

- How do you feel when you know that you have done things that dishonor or disrespect God?
- What difference does it make to know that Jesus forgives you?

PLAY STATION

- When we make mistakes, how does it feel when others forgive us?
- When others make mistakes, how does it feel when we forgive them?

THE CLUBHOUSE

- If someone did something to you that caused you to still be upset the next day, what can you do to let go of that hurt feeling?
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Day 5

Lucky
the Family Dog

Action Point: "Jesus believes in me, I believe in you."
Key Verse: "Today salvation has come." Luke 19:9 (NIV)
Bible Story: Jesus believes in Zacchaeus.

Adventures with Dr. Luke

All week, Dr. Luke has been teaching the kids about what it means to let Jesus love others through them. In today's lesson, Zacchaeus shares that although he wasn't perfect, Jesus' belief in him changed his life. When we believe in others, Jesus can use us to make a difference in their lives.

The Clubhouse

Teacher Tess teaches the importance of knowing that Jesus believes in us. The kids will create iCan cans to store their goal of how they plan to help others feel loved. They will also receive encouraging star stickers to affirm those who have shown the love of Jesus to others.

Play Station

Flourish Fish is a cooperative game where kids fan paper fish into the schools where they belong to simulate how Jesus can use us to help others fulfill their purpose.

Connection Station

Kids are reminded about how Jesus believes in us and helps us grow by eating a brown M&M. They will place in their prayer box a written prayer for how they want Jesus to help them grow. Additional activity includes writing on a paper leaf how Jesus can use them to help others grow.

Snack Shack

Our hearts and minds have many layers—similar to parfaits. In today's snack, kids will learn that sometimes a hardened outward appearance, like the granola, is only hiding a person's soft, sweet side, like the yogurt. When kids learn to believe in others as Jesus believes in them, it only takes a little digging to uncover someone's true potential.

Creation Station

All week the kids have been creating the different components of their Kidsville. Today they will create the town where they can place all the different elements that they have completed throughout the week. The town is a reminder of how Jesus visited Zacchaeus' town. Kids will learn that Jesus believes in them and they should believe in others.

The alternate craft is a customizable cup or tumbler.





Day 5 – Discussion Questions

PLAYGROUND OPENING PROGRAM

- What do you think Jacob should do with his first place ribbon? Why?
- Do your friends believe that you would do the right thing?

CONNECTION STATION

- What does it mean to grow in Jesus?

ADVENTURES WITH DR. LUKE

- How did Zacchaeus know that Jesus believed in him?
- What is one way that God made you special, that shows Jesus believes in you?

PLAY STATION

- What are some things you would like to do when you grow up and how can you include God in those plans?
- How can we support our friends and help them to include God in their plans?

