

### LESSON 2

## JESUS LOVES THE WORLD

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Because Jesus Loves Me, I Am Loved

**SCRIPTURE:** Colossians 1; John 3

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Though sin damaged God's good creation and separated people from God, God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, followers of Jesus can live securely in God's love.

**WORD OF WONDER:** Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things. —Exodus 15:11c

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**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Sensory Bin

**SUPPLIES:** bin; bin filler such as dried beans, uncooked rice, or crinkled paper; different sizes of heart shapes (toy, foam, or paper)

**Allergy Caution:** This activity includes possible food allergens! Be aware of any skin sensitivities among your kids and volunteers before doing this activity!

Ahead of time, place filler and heart shapes into a bin. Make sure the heart shapes are large enough to avoid being a choking hazard.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Come see what we have today! I wonder what you can find in this bin.**

Encourage kids to dig around in the bin and show you what they find. As they are playing, ask the kids what (and who) they love.

**These hearts remind me of God's love. God's love for us is so special and so big. Today we'll learn in God's big story how Jesus loves us so much.**

## Activity: Heart Poster

**SUPPLIES:** butcher paper or posterboard, marker, heart-shaped stickers (several per kid)

Ahead of time, lay the large sheet of butcher paper or a posterboard on the floor or a table. Draw a large heart shape in the center.

**We're learning about Jesus' love today. This heart reminds us of love. Let's decorate this poster and think about how much Jesus loves us!**

Let children cover the heart shape on the paper or posterboard with heart stickers. Encourage them to say or shout, "Jesus loves me!" each time they put a sticker down. Save this poster to use again in the last activity.

**Wasn't that fun? I am so happy that Jesus loves me. And guess what? Today we'll learn our Wonder Truth, which says that **BECAUSE JESUS LOVES ME, I AM LOVED.****

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**BECAUSE JESUS**—Hold your arms out to sides (like Jesus on the cross).

**LOVES ME,**—Put your hands on your heart.

**I AM LOVED**—Give yourself a hug.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today we're learning that Jesus loves us! Let's show our love for Jesus by worshiping Him!**

Play songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, toy people or dolls (2)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#)

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Jesus.** Encourage the kids to say "Jesus." **Let's learn about Jesus from the Bible!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided.

Hold the toy people or dolls in your hands.

**These are my friends. Say, "Hi, friends!"** Encourage toddlers to say "Hi." Then interact with the dolls by talking with them and pretending they're talking back to you. You will read all the parts, just as if you were interacting with a hand puppet.

**Leader:** Hey, friends! Did you know that God made you? God created all people!

**Dolls:** Wow! That's amazing.

**Leader:** And God loves all people.

**Dolls:** That is so incredibly amazing!

**Leader:** But—oh, no!—something bad happened.

**Dolls:** Oh, no!

**Leader:** People didn't obey God, and they messed up God's perfect creation. That's called sin.

**Dolls:** (Pretend to cry.)

**Leader:** It's OK, friends! God loves the world.

**Dolls:** He does?

**Leader:** God loves people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to the world.

**Dolls:** Yay!

**Leader:** Jesus is more powerful than anything. Jesus died and came back to life. God loves the world. Always. His love has the power to make all things right. And God's love can make all things new.

**Dolls:** Wow!

**Leader:** And guess what? Jesus is King over everything. When we trust in Jesus to save us, we can live forever with God someday in heaven. Sin does not win. Jesus wins! God can forgive us and make us new.

**Dolls:** Wow!

**Leader:** Jesus loves the world with a big love! How big do you think His love is?

Set down the dolls and hold your hands out to your side. Each time you ask one of the following questions or say one of the statements, spread your arms farther and farther apart and speak louder every time: **Is Jesus' love this big? How about this big? Maybe it's this big! Wow, look at how much Jesus loves you! Because Jesus loves me, I am loved. Let's say that with our BIG voices!** Encourage kids to say with you, "Jesus loves me!"

The Bible says, “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him” (John 3:16–17). Jesus is God’s Son. God sent Jesus to save all people who trust in Him! Jesus beat death and came back to life. Jesus is more powerful than sin. When we trust Jesus to save us, God forgives our sins. Then we can live forever as part of God’s family. That is how much God loves us.

Jesus loves you so much. He knows you and loves you. Trust and remember this good news. Share this good news. All who trust Jesus can trust in God’s love and remember: Because Jesus loves me, I am loved.

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

### WORD OF WONDER

Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things.

—Exodus 15:11c

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **The Word of Wonder for the Faith Begins with Wonder series is Exodus 15:11c. Let’s say the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **YOUR GLORY FILLS ME**—Hold hands up above your head, then move them down to your sides.
- **WITH WONDER.**—Burst hands to the sides above your head.
- **YOU DO**—Point up.
- **AMAZING THINGS.**—Jump up and burst hands out to the sides as wide as you can.
- **EXODUS 15:11C**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

**Let’s pray together. God, thank You for loving us with Your big love! Holy Spirit, help us really know deep down inside what it means to be loved by You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you feel the love of God this week. May you know deep down inside how much Jesus loves you.

## Activity: Heart Ball Bounce

**SUPPLIES:** bouncy balls (several), Heart Poster from the Heart Poster activity

Put the Heart Poster on the ground and invite the kids to gather around it.

**In our story today, we learned that God made all people. He cares about all the people He made. God loves people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to the world. Jesus loves you so much! To help you remember this, we're going to play a game where we bounce a ball onto a heart. Hearts remind us of Jesus' love.**

**You're going to try to bounce the ball onto the heart! When you bounce the ball on the heart, you can shout, "Jesus loves me!"** Let each child take a turn bouncing a ball onto the heart and saying, "Jesus loves me!"