



WEEK ONE

JOHN 4:1-30

Jesus is a friend to the woman at the well.

**SAY
THIS**

**WHO DOES JESUS LOVE?
JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.**

**DO
THIS**



MORNING TIME

When you go in your child's room this month say, "Good morning, [child's name]!" (Hold arms out wide.) "Mommy/Daddy loves you SOOOOO much! And Jesus loves you even MORE!" (Hug child.)

REMEMBER THIS

"Love each other as I have loved you."
John 15:12, NIV

**BASIC
TRUTH**

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

REDEFINE VALENTINES

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Is there anyone who actually enjoys Valentine's Day?

For singles, it's a glaring reminder of what we don't have. Everyone seems to be in love. Everyone but us. And for those of us who do have significant others, it's pressure to deliver. Deliver gifts. Candy. Jewelry. Romance.

And how do our kids factor into Valentine's Day? Do we buy them candy? Don't we spend half our life trying to keep them away from sugar? Do we buy them cards? What if they can't read? It all just sort of seems wasteful, doesn't it?

So how will we get through this Valentine's Day without feeling lonely or overwhelmed? But more than that, how can we leverage the momentum of this love-inspired "holiday" to show love to our kids?

When it comes to Valentine's Day, a preschooler's biggest concern is whether to get the Dora valentines or the Jake the Pirate ones. For them, it's just another day. But it doesn't have to be. Here are a few ways to make Valentine's count for your preschooler:

A few weeks before Valentine's Day, begin asking your preschooler, "When does Mommy or Daddy love you?"

Do I love you when you get spaghetti in your hair? Yes.

Do I love you when you clean up room your room? Yes.

Do I love you when obey? Yes.

Do I love you when you disobey? Yes.

End the game the same way each time by asking, *When does Mommy or Daddy love you?* All the time.

Then, on Valentine's Day, change it up. Introduce the idea of God loving your child.

Do you know who loves you even MORE than I love you? God. He does! He created you. He made your nose and your eyes and your hair. Do you know when God loves you?

Does God love you when you color on the walls? Yes.

Does God love you when you share with friends? Yes.

Tell your child that Valentine's Day is the day you celebrate love—how you love and how God loves them. *Spend the day saying, "When does God love you? All the time!"*

Use this holiday to help your child understand the depth of how much they are loved, and continue reminding them all year long.

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