

ACTIVITY #1 – GOD LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON

WHAT YOU NEED: “John 3:16” and “Images” Activity Pages, white cardstock, scissors, glue sticks, heart stickers (one per child), and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the “John 3:16” Activity Page onto cardstock. Provide one per child. Copy the “Images” Activity Page onto cardstock and cut apart. Provide one image per child. Place the glue sticks, markers, and heart stickers on the tables.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Hold up one of the “John 3:16” Activity Pages and read it aloud to the children. Then encourage the children to complete the verse by adding a heart sticker to the “heart” spot, writing his/her name on the line with a washable marker, and gluing the image of Jesus into the box at the bottom.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Set the pages aside for pick up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Today we heard a VERY important verse that shows us just how very important we are to God! (*Hold up the “John 3:16” Activity Page.*) John 3:16 tells us that God loved you so much that He sent Jesus. We need to fill in the blanks on our paper. What’s that first word? (*Pause.*) Yes. It says, ‘God.’ The next word in the verse is ‘love,’ but it’s blank. Do you have a sticker that means love? (*Pause.*) Yes! Your heart sticker means love. Let’s put that there. Now I want you to write your name on the line. Our paper says, ‘God loved your name so much that He sent . . .’ Who did God send? (*Pause.*) Yes! He sent Jesus! Let’s glue one of these small images of Jesus in the box at the bottom to remind us that God sent Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: God does love each one of us SO much that He sent Jesus. You are so important to God. He made you! **Who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me.**