Ages 12 – 23 Months

Lesson 1
Extreme Sayings of Jesus

"Love Each Other"

The Point of the Lesson:

Jesus made some very extreme sayings in the Bible. Through these statements, Jesus teaches us how to live. We want each child to hear that Jesus loves us and that we are to love everyone.

The Power of God's Word:

"Love each other." John 15:12

The Prayer of Each Child:

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Please help me to love my family, my friends, and everyone around me. Amen.

The Lesson in a Word:

Love everyone!

Prepare: (Before Service)
Bubbles

Provide: (10 Minutes)
This is a time when children are checked into a classroom. New walkers and toddlers are provided with a choice to participate in learning center activities. Time is allowed at the end of this segment for classroom clean up, especially to make space on the story rug.

Promote: (25 Minutes)
At this time the children are guided to sit on a story blanket to get a snack from the leader. This process includes 15 minutes for curriculum video, 5 minutes for story and verse, 2 minutes for the game, and 1 minute for prayer time.

(Bring in the snack from the cabinet.) It's Story Time. Come over to the story rug. It's time to sit down to watch our movie. Come sit down and have a snack. Great job! (Pass out a snack to every child and start the movie.)

Story:
(Hold up the Parent Handout so the children can see the picture and the leader can read the story on the back.) Today's Bible story is about a very special boy named Joseph.

Little dreamer, little dreamer, Joseph is your name.
Told your dreams to all your brothers, angry they became.
Dreams of power, dreams of glory, Jacob's special son.
Dad gave you a special coat and gave the others none.

Angry, angry, all your brothers planned to do you wrong;
They sold you into slavery to work the whole day long.
Little Joseph, dreams comes true. You loved your brothers all.
God used you to save His people and keep them standing tall.

Memory Verse:
"Love each other." John 15:12

Video:
Turn on DVD and play Lesson Video here.

Game:
Jesus Loves You
While sitting on the floor, point to a child and say, "Jesus loves (say child's name)" and clap. Continue to play until every child's name has been called.

Pray:
It's hard to listen when we are looking around. So, when we pray we close our eyes and fold our hands. Let's play "Open - Shut Them" before we pray:

Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Give a little clap*.*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Put them in your lap*.*

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Please help me to love my family, my friends, and everyone around me. Amen.

Praise: (5 Minutes)
This is a time of classroom worship through singing and music. Pass out instruments

(Sing this song to the tune of: London Bridges Falling Down)
Joseph had a special coat,
special coat, special coat.
Joseph had a special coat,
from his Daddy.

Joseph was sent far away,
far away, far away.
Joseph was sent far away,
by his brothers.

Jesus says "Love everyone",
everyone, everyone.
Jesus says "Love everyone",
just like Joseph.

Play: (15 Minutes)
This section includes free playtime around the classroom. At this time the leaders will also check and change diapers of all the children.