



Jesus and Nicodemus

Lesson Aim: To know God loves the world.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Serves

THE WORD

Bible Story: John 3:1-5, 16

What He has done: Jesus teaches Nicodemus about salvation.

CRAFT: GOD'S LOVE RULER

Purpose: Children make a ruler to see Jesus' love is bigger than they can measure.

Supplies: Craft template, sturdy paper, crayons or markers, pencil, optional: heart stickers

Prepare: For ages 2-3, print and cut out a ruler front on sturdy paper. For ages 4-5, print and cut out a ruler front and back on sturdy paper.

Optional: To make the ruler sturdier, attach it to a large craft stick.

Let's spend time with Jesus now by thinking about His love. It lasts forever!

Directions:

1. Read the scripture.
2. On the front of the ruler, trace the measuring marks with a marker or crayon and color in the heart (or attach a heart sticker).
3. Color the ruler.

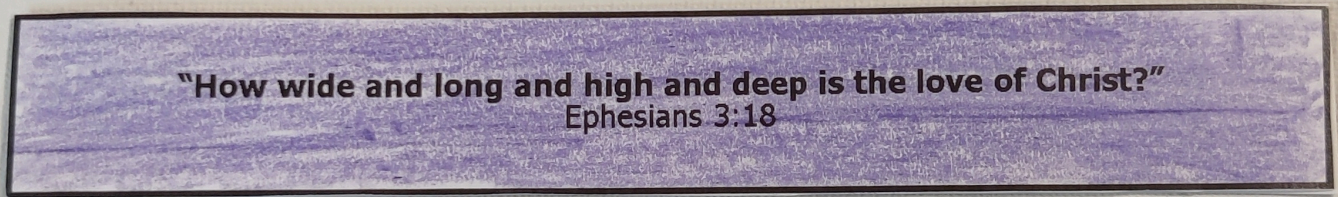
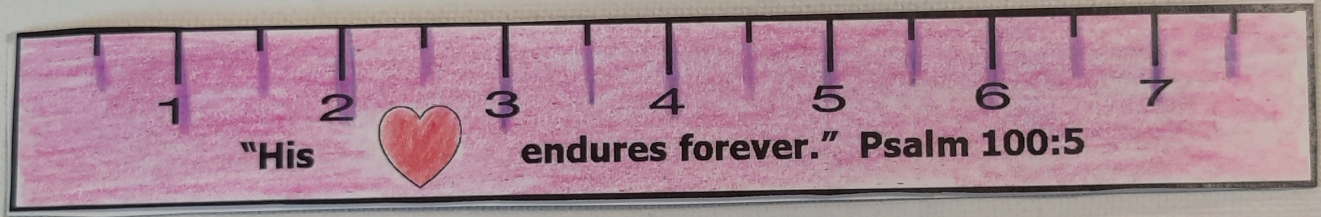
Ages 2-3 Craft Discussion:

- **God loves the world and God loves you. Who did God send to show He loved the world?** (His Son, Jesus.)
- **God's love is very, very big! Use your rulers to show me how big His love is.** Children motion with their rulers to show the size of God's love.
- **How long will He love you?** (Forever.) **Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together, "His love endures forever."**

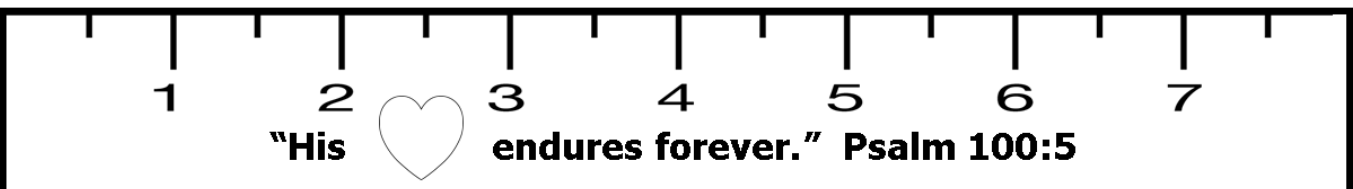
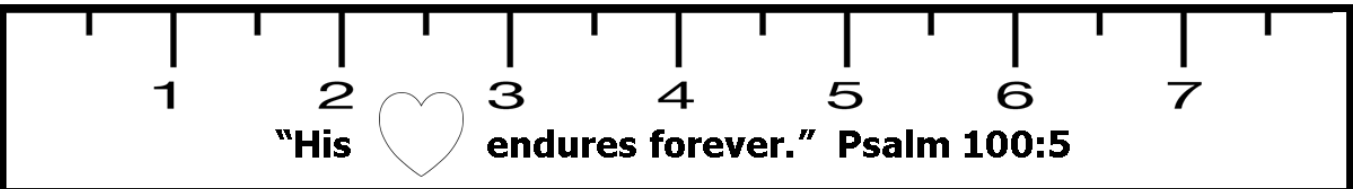
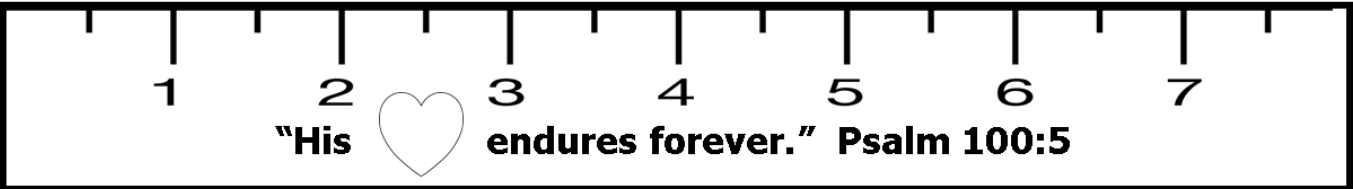
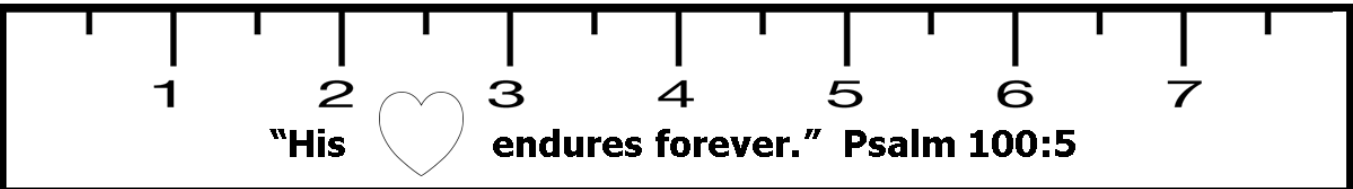
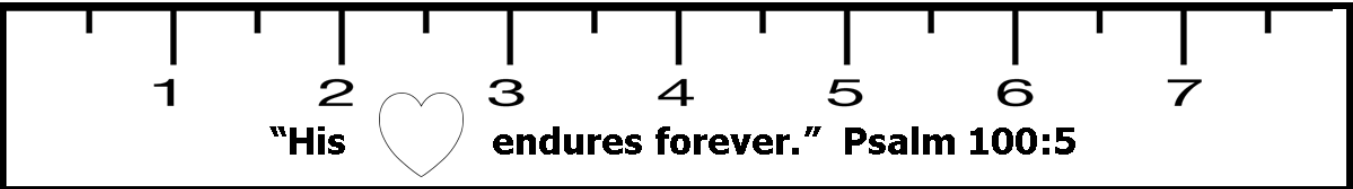
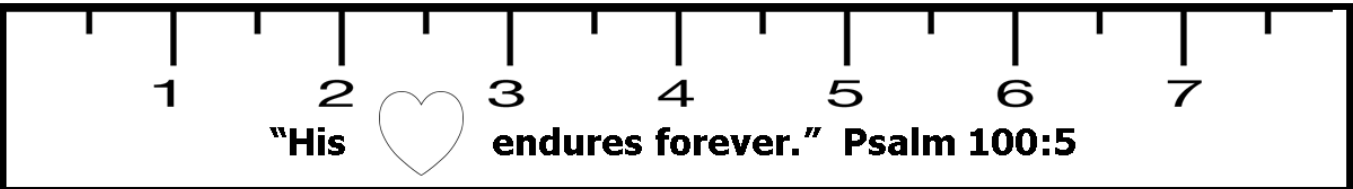
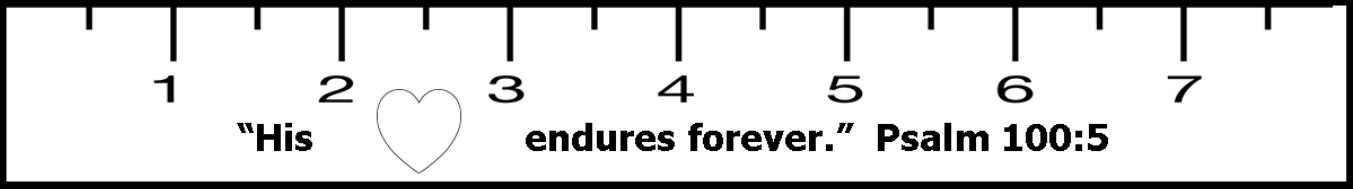
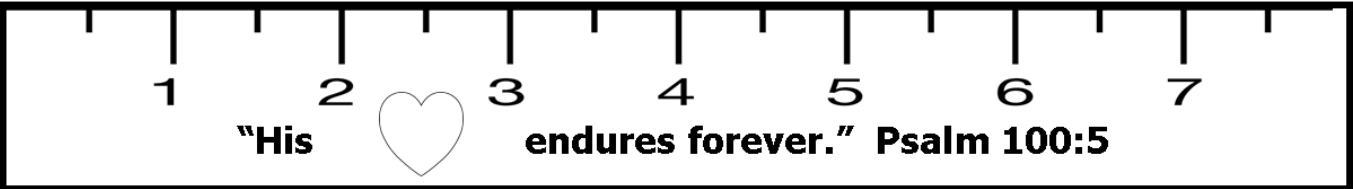
Ages 4-5 Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers our Bible Memory Verse? Let's say it together right now!** Lead the children in repeating the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse together.
- **God loves the world and God loves you. Who did God send to show He loved the world?** (His Son, Jesus.)
- **Who does Jesus love?** (Everyone.) **God's love is very, very big!**
- **Use your rulers to show me how big Jesus' love is.** Children motion with their rulers to show the size of Jesus' love.
- **How long is Jesus going to love you?** (Forever.) **Yes, Jesus will love us forever! We can spend time with Jesus forever!**

CRAFT SAMPLE



Ruler front



Ruler back

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ?"
Ephesians 3:18

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