

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN
LUKE 18:15-16

MEMORY VERSE

“How wide and long and high
and deep is the love of Christ.”

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my
friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Come to Me
Like a Bug
Kids and Bugs

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Cool

10
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Bible Story
Prayer

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Memory Verse with Motions
Jesus and the Children
Little Love Bugs
Love Bug Headband

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

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Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. Some kids (*especially the younger ones*) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

First Look offers weekly Bible story videos on the DVD titled "Wonder! Look at God's Story. This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org.

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high
and deep is the love of Christ."

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WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player and this month's worship song, "Cool," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves for this song are available on the "Hip Hip Hooray" Dance Moves DVD.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! It's love month, and I can't wait to celebrate it with you. And, do you know who loves you the super most of all? (Pause.) Jesus! Yes. Jesus loves you and **Jesus loves me**. When I ask you, '**Who loves you?**' you say, '**Jesus loves me.**' Yes! Let's learn our new song together.

(Lead children in singing "Cool.")

"Way to go, everyone! It is so very cool to have a friend like Jesus. He loves us so much. Now tell me: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible

LEADER: "It's story time! I want (*name each child if you can*) to come sit with me. This is the . . . (*pause as you hold up the Bible*) . . . Bible! The Bible has God's words in it. We love the Bible!

(Give the Bible a hug and lay it open in front of the children.)

"Today's Bible story is about Jesus and some children just like you.

(Point to children.)

"One day, Jesus was talking to a lot of grown-ups. There were mommies and daddies and grandfathers and grandmothers and aunts and uncles. There were teachers and doctors and shepherds and farmers—so many people!

"Can you guess who else was there with Jesus? Children! Children just like you.

(Point to the children.)



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"The children wanted to see Jesus, but when they walked up to Jesus, His friends, the disciples, told them to go away. Oh, no! What did Jesus do?"

"Well, Jesus looked at His friends and said, 'Don't tell the children to go away.'

"And then He looked at the children and said, 'Come to me!'

"So the children got to go see Jesus!"

"I love that story. And I have something that will help us remember that Jesus wants you (*point to the children*) to go to Him, because Jesus loves you. Say what I say.

"Don't go away." (*Shake head no.*)

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Don't go away." (*Shake head no.*)

LEADER: "Come to me." (*Motion with hand to "come here."*)

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Come to me." (*Motion with hand to "come here."*)

LEADER: "I love you." (*Point to a friend.*)

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I love you." (*Point to a friend.*)

LEADER: "And you love me." (*Give yourself a hug.*)

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "And you love me." (*Give yourself a hug.*)

(*Repeat the rhyme with the children a few times.*)

LEADER: "Jesus loves you A LOT. So when I ask you, '**Who loves you?**' I want you to say, '**Jesus loves me.**' Let's try that. **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus loves me!**"

LEADER: "Yay! **Jesus loves me!**"

"Okay, now it's time to close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You that Jesus wants all children to come to Him. Thank You that He listens to us and is always with us. Jesus is the best friend ever! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."