

# JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

WEEK

**THREE**

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LARGE GROUP

**2**

YEAR-OLDS



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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



**BIBLE STORY**

Jesus wants to help me.

**THE CENTURION**  
**MATTHEW 8:5-13**

**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.  
Side to Side  
Jar  
Bug Bin

**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.  
Ruler  
Little People® Retell  
March  
Butterfly

**HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience**

Going Home  
Parent Cue

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15 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

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**THE CENTURION**  
**MATTHEW 8:5-13**

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](http://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:** "Good morning! It's time to sing about our best friend, Jesus! He's so cool! I love singing with you. But first, tell me: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.** That's right! **Jesus loves me.** Way to go! Let's sing!

## KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

*(Lead children in singing "Cool.")*

"So good! Great job, everyone. Thank you for singing about Jesus with me. Now tell me one more time: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

## 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!

## BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my  
friend forever.

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

"Have you ever needed help? (*Pause.*) We all need help sometimes. Maybe we need help putting our shoes on or finding a lost toy or reaching something that's too high.

"Today's Bible story is about a man who needed help, but there was only one person who could help him: Jesus!

"You see, the man had a friend who was very sick, and he knew Jesus was the only one with the power to help make his friend all better. So, the man started walking to go find Jesus.

"Stand up with me and let's pretend we're walking with the man to go find Jesus. Walk with me like this.



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*(Lead the children to march in place with you.)*

"The man walked and walked, and finally he found Jesus! Yay! We found Jesus! You can sit down now. Let's see what happens next.

"The man told Jesus all about his sick friend. Jesus said of course He would help! He would even walk back to the man's house to help his sick friend. But the man said He knew Jesus was so powerful, He could help his friend get better without even walking to his house. And that's what Jesus did. Jesus told the man his friend would get better.

"The man hurried back to his house to see his friend. Stand up with me. We've got to walk back to the man's house. Walk with me like this!

*(Lead the children to march in place with you.)*

"Faster! Let's see if the friend is all better!

*(Lead the children to march faster in place with you.)*

"Whew! We're here. You can sit down now.

"When the man got home, his friend was all better, just like Jesus said he would be. Jesus had helped the man's sick friend! Yay, Jesus!

"Jesus helped the man because He loved him. And Jesus will help you because He loves you, too. **Who loves you?"**

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

**LEADER: "Louder! Who loves you?"**

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

**LEADER: "Yes, He does! 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, we all need help sometimes. I pray that (name each child) will grow up believing they can ask Jesus for help with anything, because Jesus has the power to do anything. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."**