

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me no matter what.

THE THANKFUL WOMAN
LUKE 7:36-50

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.
In the Heart
Caterpillar
Smells

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.
Leaf
Bottle
Tunnel of Love
Bee

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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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.

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: "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you today! I can't wait to sing and praise Jesus with you. Jesus loves you, and **Jesus loves me. Who loves you? Jesus loves me.** Yes, He does. Let's sing our song together one more time!

(Lead children in singing "Cool.")

"Way to go! So cool! You are all such amazing singers. Now one more time: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.** That's right, friends. You better believe it!"

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 very special because it's about how Jesus loved a woman and was her friend, even though she had gotten in trouble for doing some bad things.

"One day, Jesus was having dinner with friends and a woman came to the dinner. She wanted to tell Jesus she loved Him and she wanted to thank Him for being her friend when no one else would.

"She walked over to Jesus and bent down to His feet. She began to cry so much that she wet Jesus' feet with her tears. She took her hair and dried His feet, and then she did something SO special. She took a very, very special bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet.

"The woman did all of this because she was thankful to have a friend like Jesus



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who loved her no matter what.

“Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing something you weren’t supposed to be doing? Or maybe you didn’t do what you were supposed to be doing? Jesus still loves you, just like He loved the woman in our story. Jesus will never, ever, EVER stop loving you! **Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus loves me!”

LEADER: “He sure does! Stand up and say what I say.

“I may get in trouble sometimes.” *(Hold cheeks with hands and make a sad face.)*

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LEADER: “But Jesus loves me ALL the time!” *(Hold arms out wide.)*

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(Repeat several times.)

LEADER: “**Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus loves me!”

LEADER: “He loves you and me o matter what! Sit back down. 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 get in trouble sometimes. Thank You for sending Jesus to love us no matter what, just like He loved the woman in our story today. I pray each child here will believe in Jesus’ amazing love and choose to follow Him one day so they can love people they way Jesus loves people. Jesus is the best friend ever! Thank You, God! We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”