

# JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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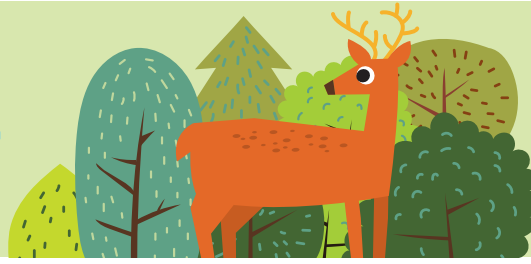
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### BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants to spend time with me.

MARY AND MARTHA  
LUKE 10:38-42

### 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

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### BASIC TRUTH

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#### 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.  
Clean Up  
Bug Sort  
Time

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.  
Streamer Verse  
Freeze the Story  
Parachute  
Watch

#### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Parent Cue

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## MOVE

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### 1. CLEAN UP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Toy brooms, toy vacuums, and wet wipes

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place the supplies in the activity area.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to use the supplies to help clean the activity area.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Be sure every child has a turn to sweep and vacuum.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's clean up! I really need your help!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We need to sweep the floor and vacuum. Oh, my goodness! Everything is dusty! (*Point to table.*) Will you help me wipe down the tables?" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "WOW! Everything is so clean! Thank you! Today we are going to hear a Bible story about a woman named Martha who cleaned up for someone VERY special!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Bible story time by pretending to sweep the floor as you move to the story area.

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## PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

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### 2. BUG SORT

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Hearts" and "Color Bugs" Activity Pages; scissors; and two pieces of cardstock in each of the following colors: yellow, green, red, and blue

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy the "Hearts" Activity Page onto the cardstock. You will need one heart in each color. Copy the "Color Bugs" Activity Page onto the cardstock. You will need one page of bugs in each color. Cut out each of the bugs on the dotted lines.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Place all of the bugs in one pile in the activity area. Place the hearts next to each other near the pile. Challenge the children to choose a bug from the pile and lay it on the heart of the same color.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Continue the activity until all of the bugs are on the correct color of heart.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "WOW! Look at all of the love bugs!" (*Point.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "They are all different colors. Let's spend time together and match all of the bugs to the correct color of heart. (*Demonstrate by picking up a blue bug.*) This bug is blue. Do you know which heart it should go on? (*Pause.*) YES! He goes on the BLUE heart! (*Lay bug onto the blue heart.*) Let's match the rest of the bugs! I love spending time with you!" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "AWESOME! You did a great job matching all of the bugs! This was a fun way to spend time together! In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about someone who LOVES spending time with us! I am so excited to hear our TRUE story from the Bible!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Bible story time by holding each other's hands in a train-like fashion to spend time together as you move to the story area.

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## EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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### 3. TIME

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Several preschool books (*If possible, have a few book about insects*)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Have the children sit around you on the floor. Ask the children to choose a book for you to read.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Read the chosen book with the children and be sure to show them the pictures as you are reading. Repeat the activity with a second book if you have time. If children have issues with keeping focused on the book that you are reading, let them look at the other books.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "I just love spending time with all of my friends!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's spend time together reading a book. Let's choose a book to read together." (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "That was a great book! Thank you for spending time with me. Today we are going to hear a Bible story about how Jesus loves to spend time with us."

**TRANSITION:** Move to Bible story time by chanting this month's Bottom Line, "Jesus loves me," as you walk to the story area.



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**1. STREAMER VERSE**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Crepe paper streamers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Tear the streamers into three-foot sections. Each child will need a section. You may consider tearing off a few extra sections in case a child rips their streamer during the activity.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Say the memory verse with the children. Invite the children to make their streamer wide, long, high, and deep as you say the memory verse. Repeat several times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** (Give each child a streamer.) "We are going to use these streamers to help us say our memory verse. Everyone watch me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "How wide (hold streamer horizontal in front of you) and long (hold streamer vertical in front of you) and high (hold streamer over your head) and deep (hold streamer low to the ground) is the love of Christ, Ephesians 3:18. Nice job! Let's do it again!" (Repeat several times.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Fantastic! Our memory verse tells us how much Jesus loves us. **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

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**2. FREEZE THE STORY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Music player and the monthly song

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Start the music.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Ask the children to dance to the music. After about 30 seconds, stop the music and ask the children to freeze. Retell the first 15-20 seconds of the story while the children are "frozen." Restart the music and allow them to dance again for 30 more seconds. Stop the music and have them freeze again and retell 15-20 seconds more of the story. Repeat until you have retold the entire Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's dance!" (Start music.)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (Turn off music.) "Now FREEZE! Mary and Martha were having a very special guest! Jesus was coming to their house. (Start music.) Start dancing again! (Stop music after 30 seconds and ask children to freeze.) Martha wanted everything to be perfect, so she cooked and cleaned even while Jesus was there. (Start music and ask children to dance.) Start dancing! (Stop music after 30 seconds and ask children to freeze.) Martha was not very happy with Mary because she did not cook and clean. (Start music.) Dance again! (Stop music after 30 seconds and ask children to freeze.) She just sat with Jesus and talked to Him. Jesus did not care if things were clean; He only wanted to spend time with Mary and Martha. (Start music.) Dance one more time!" (Stop music after 30 seconds and ask children to freeze.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Now everyone sit down and rest. We can all rest and spend time with Jesus. Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!**"

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**3. PARACHUTE**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Large foam hearts and a parachute or sheet

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Lay the parachute flat on the floor. Place the hearts on top of the parachute.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Ask the children to stand around the parachute with you and invite them to each pick up a section of the parachute. Invite the children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast. Encourage the children to try to bounce the hearts high. Repeat several times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Our Bible story tells us that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's play with the parachute. We are going to put hearts on the parachute to bounce high. The hearts show that Jesus loves us!" (Do activity.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Awesome job! Jesus loves us SO MUCH! **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!**"



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**CREATE**

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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**4. WATCH**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Watch" Activity Page, pink cardstock, scissors, empty toilet paper tubes, and glue sticks

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut out the hearts. Each child will need one heart. Cut the tubes horizontally into four circular pieces. Each child will need one piece. Cut a slit into each circle to create a cuff to go on the child's arm.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a cuff and a heart. Help the children glue the heart onto the cuff on the opposite side of the slit. It should resemble a watch.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Invite the children to put on their watches to remind them that Jesus wants to spend time with them.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus wants to spend time with us!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We are going to make a special watch to remind us to always spend time with Jesus." (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Way to go! I love your watches. Now let's put them on and we can tell everyone that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!**"

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