

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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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

Jesus loves me.

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 Matching
Washing Dishes

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.
Measure It Memory Verse
Sit and Be Busy
Spending Time with Jesus
Four Corners
Time with Me Bookmarks
Journal and Prayer

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. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18. You will need a music player and this month's worship song, "Cool," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video is available on the Dance Moves DVD, "Hip Hip Hooray!" or in your media package (if you subscribe).

LEADER: "Hello, everyone. Happy love month where we are learning about someone super special who loves us so very much. I can't wait to sing with you today. But first, tell me: **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me."

LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus loves me.** He loves you and you and you and you. He loves each and every one of us. That's pretty cool! Are you ready to sing this month's song?"

(Lead children in singing "Cool," this month's worship song.)

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me."

LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus loves me,** and Jesus loves you. Does Jesus love us a just a little bit or does He love us a lot? (Pause.) You're right! He loves us a lot, and that's what our memory verse says. Are you ready to do it with me? (Pause.) Let's do it! How wide (hold arms out wide) and long (hold arms out vertically) and high (jump as high as you can) and deep (pretend to dig with a shovel) is the love (hug yourself) of Christ (point up), Ephesians 3:18. (Hold hands open like a book.) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "How wide (hold arms out wide) and long (hold arms out vertically) and high (jump as high as you can) and deep (pretend to dig with a shovel) is the love (hug yourself) of Christ (point up), Ephesians 3:18." (Hold hands open like a book.) (Repeat several times.)



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LEADER: "Way to go! You are doing great with that song. I'm so glad God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever."

STORY

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [LEADER's name]. It's so great to see you! (*Open Bible.*) Last time we learned that there is someone who loves us more than anyone else. Do you remember who it is? (*Pause.*) Jesus! Does Jesus love us a little bit . . .

(*Hold your hands up about an inch apart.*)

". . . or A LOT?"

(*Spread arms out as wide as you can.*)

"You got it! Jesus loves us a whole lot! Jesus' love for us is SO big that we can't even measure it! It's HUGE! Do we love Jesus back? (*Pause.*) Yes, we do! But how can we show Jesus we love Him?"

"Well, that's what today's Bible story is all about. It's about a day when Jesus went to visit two of His friends. They were sisters and their names were Mary and Martha. They were very excited that their friend Jesus was coming for a visit. Everyone do your excited dance like this.

(*Dance using just your arms and head.*)

"Yes, they were THAT excited! When Jesus got to Mary and Martha's house, they said, 'Come on in, Jesus! Please sit down.'

"So Jesus sat down, and Mary sat with Him. But Martha did not sit down. She had way too much to do. She was busy as a bee. First, she was buzzing around cleaning.

"Next, Martha was busy as a bee cooking dinner. Then she was busy as a bee setting the table.

"Wow! Dinner was ready and on the table, dessert was made, the house was clean—everything looked amazing! And Martha had done it all by herself while her sister, Mary, did what?"



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(Pause.)

"Mary was still sitting with Jesus!

"When Martha saw Mary sitting with Jesus instead of helping Martha, it made Martha very upset. She went to Jesus and said, 'Jesus, I'm doing all the work. Make Mary help me!'

"But Jesus said, 'Martha, I came to spend time with you and Mary, but you've been too busy to be spend time with me.'

"It was true. Martha was such a busy bee that she missed spending time with her friend Jesus. And that was why He had come to her house in the first place—just to spend time with her.

"Do you think Jesus likes it when we spend time with Him? (Pause.) Yes, He does! And there are lots of ways to spend time with Jesus.

"We can talk to Jesus and pray. (Put hands together.) Make praying hands like this. (Pause.) Good job!

"We can go to church, just like you did today. (Put tips of fingers together like a roof.) Make the roof of the church like this. (Pause.) There you go!

"We can sing songs to Jesus, like this. (Sing a line of a well-known song from your church.) Sing with me! (Pause.) You sound amazing!

"We can tell Jesus thank You for loving us and always being with us. Let's tell Jesus thank You at the count of three. When I say three, yell, 'Thank You, Jesus!' Ready? One, two, three!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Thank You, Jesus!

LEADER: "Jesus wants to spend time with you because He loves you. **Who loves you?"**

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

LEADER: "Again: **Who loves you?"**

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

LEADER: "He sure does! And when we spend time with Jesus, it shows Him that we love Him too! Let's put our hands together right now and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, You showed us how much You love us when You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Help us remember how much Jesus loves us and that He wants to spend time with us. Help us to pray, go to church, sing, and tell Him thank You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."