

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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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.
Battle Ready
How High?
Bug Care

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.
Stretchy Verse
Shield Making
How High Can a Butterfly Fly?
Jesus Loves . . .
Love Bug Craft
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: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today! It's so much fun to sing with you. And I love learning all about God's Son, Jesus, with you. This month has been awesome as we are learning to say, '**Jesus loves me.**' **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me."

LEADER: "Yes! Jesus loves us so very much. Let's sing and praise Him together.

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

"Great singing, my friends. I love singing and praising Jesus. It's so awesome that **Jesus loves me** and Jesus loves you. **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me."

LEADER: "Exactly. **Jesus loves me.** It's time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready? 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.*) Do that with me."

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.*)

LEADER: "I am so proud of you all! You are doing a GREAT job with that verse.



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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: “Hey, friends! I’m [LEADER’s name]. I have a true story from the Bible about Jesus. Are you ready to hear it?”

“It starts with a leader in an army. The army leader was very important. He was a centurion, which meant he was in charge of a lot of soldiers.

“I want you all to stand up and pretend you are the centurion’s soldiers. I’ll pretend to be the centurion.

(Encourage the children to stand up.)

“Lookin’ good, soldiers. Now, like I said, the centurion was in charge of a lot of soldiers. If he said, ‘Go left,’ they would go left. I want everyone to turn to the left.

(Point to the children’s left.)

“Well done, soldiers. If the centurion said, ‘Go right,’ the soldiers would go right. I want everyone to turn to the right now.

(Point to the children’s right.)

“You did it! You can sit down now.

“One day, a servant who worked for the centurion became very sick. He couldn’t walk and was hurting very badly. Everyone say, ‘Owww.’”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Owww!”

LEADER: “The centurion wanted to help his servant get better, but he didn’t have the power to make him better. Then the centurion had an idea! He told his servant to rest and he would be back with help.

“The centurion knew there was only one person who could help. There was only one person who had the power to heal his servant. Do you know who it was? *(Pause.)* Jesus! That’s right! The centurion traveled far away, and when he found Jesus he told Him about his sick servant. Of course Jesus wanted to help right away. Jesus told the centurion He would walk all the way back to his house to help the servant, but this is what the centurion told Jesus. He said,



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'Jesus, I know you have all the power to help my servant. You don't even have to be there. Just say the word and I know my servant will be healed.'

"So that's what Jesus did. Jesus said the word right there, and when the centurion got back home to his servant, his servant was all better! Yay! Jesus helped the centurion by healing his servant!

(Close the Bible.)

"And guess what! Jesus loves us and wants to help us too. It's true! Jesus wants to help you because He loves you. **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "Louder! Who loves you?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "You got it! Let's put our hands together now and thank God for giving us Jesus to love us and help us."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for the true stories in the Bible that teach us about how much Jesus loves us. Thank You that Jesus has the power to help us no matter what we need help with. Nothing is too big for Jesus! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."