

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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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.
Thankful and You Know It
Good Choice / Bad Choice
Bug Fossils 

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.
Memory Verse Caterpillars
Feet
Who Is It?
Bug Catchers
Love Bugs
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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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, hello, friends. It's so great to see you today. I have had so much fun celebrating the month of love with you! I can't wait to sing with you, but before we do tell me: **Who loves you?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus loves me.** Let's sing our new song about how cool that is!

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

"Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: **Who loves you?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes, indeed, **Jesus loves me.** Who can help me remember what we do next? We sang our first song. What do we do now? (Pause.) Yes! We say our memory verse. Are you ready to say it with me? 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.)

LEADER: "Yes! You've got it totally memorized now! Way to go! I am so proud of you."



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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 and large perfume bottle

LEADER: “Hey, friends! I’m [LEADER’s name]. We’ve been talking a lot about how much Jesus loves us. That’s why I’m so excited about today’s Bible story!

(Open Bible.)

“I want us to think about something for a minute. How much does Jesus love us? Do you know you could run all the way around the world and Jesus’ love for you would go farther than that? That is a long way!

“You could swim down, down, down to the bottom of the deepest ocean with all the fish, and Jesus’ love for you would be deeper than that! That is deep!

“You could climb to the highest mountain all the way to the very tippy top, and Jesus’ love would still be higher than that. That is high! Jesus’ love for us is long and deep and high and wide. It goes on forever and ever and ever.

“But what about if you took a cookie off the plate after your mom told you not to? Would Jesus still love you? *(Pause.)* YES! Do you think there is anything you could do to make Jesus stop loving you? *(Pause.)* Nope. Jesus will always, always, ALWAYS love you.

“And that is why the woman in our Bible story today was so thankful. She didn’t have many friends because she had made a lot of bad choices. But she knew Jesus loved her and was her friend, no matter what. And she was SO thankful!

“One night, Jesus went to a friend’s house for dinner. The woman came to the dinner too, even though she wasn’t invited. She wanted to see Jesus because she loved Him and was SO thankful He loved her too. When she walked in she was holding a bottle of perfume.

(Hold up the bottle.)

“The bottle of perfume cost a lot of money and it smelled so good. It was very special to her. When she saw Jesus, she started crying because she loved Him so much. She was so thankful that Jesus loved her, even though she had made some bad choices. She used her tears to wash Jesus’ feet and her hair to dry them off. Then she opened her very special bottle of perfume.



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(Pretend to open your bottle.)

“Pretend you have a bottle of perfume, and open your bottle too.

(Encourage the children to open their pretend bottles.)

“This perfume was the most special thing she had, and she poured it all over Jesus’ feet to show Him how much she loved Him and how thankful she was for Him.

“Pretend to pour your perfume out with me.

(Turn your bottle like you’re pouring it out.)

“The people at the party were confused. Why would Jesus let a woman who made bad choices wash His feet?

“Did Jesus love this woman, even though she did bad things? *(Pause.)* Yes! Because nothing can make Jesus stop loving us. Jesus loves us so much! Remember, Jesus loves us so wide *(arms out wide)* and so high *(reach arms way up high)*. Say that with me.”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus loves us so wide *(arms out wide)* and so high *(reach arms way up high)*.”

LEADER: “Jesus loves us no matter what. And because Jesus loves us no matter what, we should love other people the same way.

(Close the Bible.)

“That’s our story for today, friends. Let’s put our hands together and close our eyes so we can pray.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what. We all make bad choices and we all need a friend who loves us anyway. Help us to be a good friend and love others the way Jesus loves us—so high and so wide. We love You, God! In Jesus’ name amen.”