

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a good friend.

WASHING FEET
JOHN 13:3-17

MEMORY VERSE

“A friend loves at all times.”

PROVERBS 17:17, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who is your friend?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is my friend.

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.
Picnic with Friends
Find the Feet
Wipe

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Doesn't Matter

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 with Motions
Wash Your Feet
Dirty Feet
Blue Feet

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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BIBLE STORY

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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.

MEMORY VERSE

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WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player and this month's worship song, "Doesn't Matter," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves for this song are available on the Hip Hip Hooray Dance Moves DVD.

KEY QUESTION

Who is your friend?

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I am so excited to see you today. This month is super awesome. We're going to be learning all about our good friend, Jesus. Did you know Jesus is your friend, and your friend, and your friend, and your friend? (*Point to different children.*) He is! When I ask you, '**Who is your friend?**' I want you to say, '**Jesus is my friend.**' Let's try it together. **Who is your friend?**"

LEADER AND CHILDREN: "**Jesus is my friend.**"

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is my friend.

LEADER: "Great job! Now we have a new song to learn together. It's all about how Jesus is our friend no matter where we go. Are you ready?"

(*Lead children in singing "Doesn't Matter."*)

"Way to go, everyone! Now remind me: **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.**"

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible, a washcloth, a bottle of water, and a large bowl

LEADER: "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me. Come on, friends! Come sit with me. I have a story to tell you. This is the . . . (*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 about our good friend Jesus. Can you say, 'Jesus'?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus!"

LEADER: "Good job! One day Jesus was eating dinner with His friends and He



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did something very special. Jesus took a bowl.

(Place the bowl in front of the children.)

“He filled it with water.

(Pour the water bottle in the bowl.)

“And then He went to each of His friends and washed their feet.

(Dip the washcloth in the bowl of water and go to each child and pretend to wash their feet.)

“Jesus washed this friend’s feet and this friend’s feet and this friend’s feet . . . until He had washed all of His friends’ feet.

“Jesus wanted to show His friends what a good friend is like.

(Put the bowl of water away and hold the Bible.)

“Jesus is such a good, good friend.”

(Point to each child as you say their name.)

“Jesus is [child’s name]’s friend and . . . *(say this with each child’s name)*. That’s why when I ask you, ‘**Who is your friend?**’ I want you to say, ‘**Jesus is my friend.**’ Let’s try it. **Who is your friend?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus is my friend.”

LEADER: “Yay! Jesus is my friend!”

“Okay, now it’s time to close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for our good friend, Jesus. Help us be a good friend to others the way Jesus is a good friend to us. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”