

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

We can praise Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY
MATTHEW 21:1-16

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.
Donkey
Colors of Leaves
Coats

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

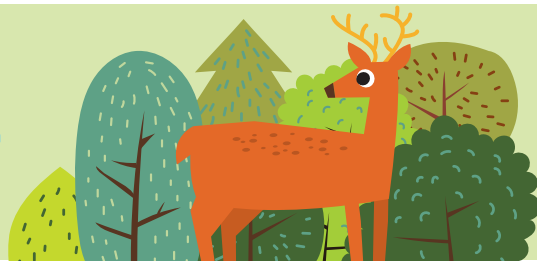
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Praise Parade
Coat Path
Bouncing Leaves
Leaf Craft

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. 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.

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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.

LEADER: "Good morning, everyone. Are you ready to sing with me today? Who have we been talking about this month? Who is our friend? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus! Jesus is our friend, and He wants to be our friend forever. One more time: **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.** Yes! Let's sing!"

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

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.**"

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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible, and a short handled green pom-pom shaker for each child

(Option: You can use another item of your choice in place of the pom-pom shakers.)

LEADER: "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me. This is the . . . (hold up 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.)

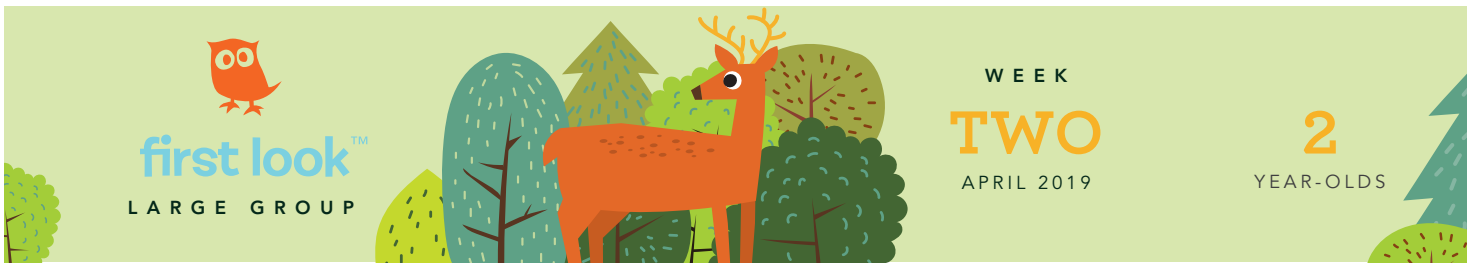
"Today's Bible story is about our friend Jesus. Can you say, 'Jesus'?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus!"

LEADER: "Perfect!"

(Give two thumbs up.)

"One day, Jesus was riding into town. When all of the people heard Jesus was



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coming, they ran to see Him!

"They wanted to cheer for Jesus because they knew He was SO special. They grabbed big tree leaves, waved them in the air, and shouted, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!'"

(Give each child a green pom-pom.)

"Let's pretend these are tree branches. We can shake them and cheer for Jesus because we think He is special, too. Shake your tree leaves and cheer for Jesus with me."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

LEADER: "Keep cheering for Jesus!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

LEADER: "Oh, that was fun! I love cheering for Jesus because He's the best friend ever! Hand me your green pom-pom now."

(Collect the pom-poms and put them out of sight.)

"Thank you for doing that with me. That was a fun way to tell Jesus how special He is. Jesus is such a good, good friend. **Who is your friend?**"

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

LEADER: "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, Jesus is so special. Help us think of Him and cheer for Him every day. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."