

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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LARGE GROUP

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

God sent Jesus to be my friend forever.

EASTER
MATTHEW 26:20-30;
27:45-50; 28:1-7

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.
Bubble Pop
One, Two, Three
Stone 

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.
Friendly Verse
Retell Hop
Happy
Jesus in the Tomb

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. 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.

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! It's time to sing together again about someone who loves you so much and is your very good friend. Does anyone remember who it is? Raise your hand if you know who I'm talking about. (Pause.) Wow, that's awesome. Let's say it all together. **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.** That's right! **Jesus is my friend.** Way to go! Let's sing!

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

"So good! Great job, everyone. Now tell me one more time: **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.**"

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible

LEADER: "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me. I have a very special story to tell you. 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 sad and happy. Can you make a sad face?"

(Make a sad face with the children.)

"Can you make a happy face?"

(Make a happy face with the children.)

"Good job! You can help me tell the story with your sad and happy faces.

"One night, some angry people came and took our good friend Jesus away.



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They hurt Him so bad that He died. This was very, very sad. Show me your sad faces.

(Make a sad face with the children.)

“Some of Jesus’ friends put His body in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it. Jesus was gone. This was very, very sad. Show me see your sad faces.

(Make a sad face with the children.)

“But the story doesn’t stay sad. One day, Jesus’ friends went to the tomb, and when they got there the stone was rolled away. Jesus is alive! Show me your happy faces!

(Make a happy face with the children.)

“Jesus had come back, just like He said He would! Jesus’ friends were so happy they told everyone the good news. Jesus is alive! Show me your happiest faces ever!

(Make a happy face with the children.)

“Jesus is alive, and He wants to be your friend forever. **Who is your friend?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus is my friend!”

LEADER: “He sure is! Let’s close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for the good news that Jesus is alive and He wants to be our friend forever. I pray that we will never forget this happy good news. In Jesus’ name, amen.”