

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

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BREAKFAST WITH JESUS
JOHN 21:1-14

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.
Be Fish
Row Your Boat
Fishing

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.
Fish Verse
Story Picnic
Pack a Picnic
Fish on a Plate

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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10 MINUTES

15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

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BREAKFAST WITH JESUS JOHN 21:1-14

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.

LEADER: "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you today! Who can tell me what you think we're going to sing about today? (*Pause.*) Yes! We're going to sing about our friend Jesus. **Jesus is my friend**, and Jesus is your friend. **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.** Yes, He is. Let's sing about that!"

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

"Way to go! You are all such amazing singers. Now one more time: **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend.** That's right, friends. You better believe it!"

KEY QUESTION

Who is your friend?

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible, wood blocks, a toy kitchen pan, "Fish" Activity Page, bright-colored cardstock, and scissors

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is my friend.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE STORY: Make copies of the "Fish" Activity Page on a bright-colored cardstock and cut them apart. You will need one fish cutout per child.

BASIC TRUTH

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LEADER: "It's story time! I need all of my friends 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 you get to help me tell the Bible story. Let's sit in a circle together!"

(Help the children sit in a circle with you.)

"You will need one of these to help me tell the story."

(Give each child a fish cutout.)



PRELUDE

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10 MINUTES

15 MINUTES

"This is a fish. Say, 'Fish!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Fish!"

LEADER: "Good job!"

"In our Bible story, some people were very sad because they didn't think they would ever see their good friend Jesus again.

"One day, while they were fishing, they looked over and saw Jesus standing on the beach! Jesus told them to bring Him their fish, so they did.

"When they got their boat to Jesus, He was cooking fish over a fire. Let's pretend these blocks are a fire. (*Arrange the blocks like a campfire.*)

"There. Now we have a fire. And we can use this pan to cook our fish. (*Hold up the toy kitchen pan.*)

"Everyone put your fish in the pan so it can cook. (*Guide each child to put their fish cutout in the pan.*)

"Now we can pretend our fish are cooking. Mmmm, smells good!"

"In our story, Jesus really did cook fish and bread for His friends. They had a breakfast picnic right there on the beach.

"The people were so excited to see Jesus again. Jesus came back, just like He promised! Jesus told them how much He loved them and that He would always be with them. It was the best day ever! (*Lay the pan aside.*)

"But that's not the end of the story. Jesus is your friend too. It's true! Jesus is [child's name]'s friend . . . (*say this with each child's name as you point to them.*)

"So, when I say, '**Who is your friend?**' you say, '**Jesus is my friend!**' Ready? **Who is your friend?**"

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

LEADER: "Thank you for helping me tell the story. 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 our good friend Jesus. Thank You that He loves us so much. I pray each child here will follow Jesus one day so He can be their friend forever. In Jesus' name, amen."