

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

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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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1. BE FISH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to act like fish. Challenge them to make fish faces, pretend to swim, and pretend to go fishing with poles. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's be fish!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make a fish face. (*Demonstrate and pause.*) You make awesome fish faces! Now let's swim like fish. (*Demonstrate.*) Great job! Now let's go fishing. Let's pretend we have fishing poles." (*Demonstrate.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You are great fish! We are going to talk about fish in our Bible story today. Are you ready to hear our Bible story?"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by pretending to swim to the story area.

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PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

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2. ROW YOUR BOAT

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Teach the children the following song and motions.

Row, row, row your boat (*pretend to row a boat*)
Gently down the stream (*move hand in soft zig-zag motion*)
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily (*jump up and down*)
Life is but a dream (*pretend to be asleep*)

Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to learn a fun song about something in our Bible story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Listen and watch me while we sing the song."
(*Teach song and motions.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Today we are going to talk about four friends who went on a boat. They saw something AMAZING! I cannot wait to find out what it was!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by pretending to row a boat to the story area.



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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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3. FISHING

WHAT YOU NEED: Medium-sized tub, toy or foam fish, blue shredded paper, and a paper plate

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the shredded paper inside the tub and hide the fish in the paper. Place the tub in the activity area and place the plate next to the tub.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to search for the fish in the paper and place the fish on the plate. Be sure each child has a turn to find the fish.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's go fishing!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use your hands to search for the fish inside the tub. When you find a fish, place it on the plate." (*Point.*) (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! You are great fishermen! We are going to talk about a picnic in our Bible story today. Hmm. I wonder what they are going to eat at their picnic."

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by pretending to fish with fishing poles as you move to the story area.

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**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



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1. FISH VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Fish stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse with the children while they pretend to swim like fish. Repeat several times.

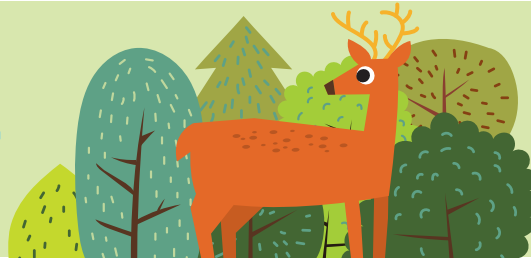
AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a fish sticker.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our memory verse as FISH! That is going to be so silly!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend to swim like a fish while we say our memory verse." (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Jesus is our good friend. (Give each child a fish sticker.) **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend!**"



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2. STORY PICNIC

WHAT YOU NEED: Blanket, picnic basket, and the planned class snack or play food

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the snack or the play food in the basket and spread the blanket on the floor in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to sit with you on the blanket to have a picnic. Open the picnic basket and serve the snack or pretend to have a picnic with the play food.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Retell the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's have a picnic!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Please come sit with me (*sit on the blanket*) and let's eat!" (*Pull out food from the basket and do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus came back after He was in the tomb. He promised His friends that He would come back. Jesus' friends were fishing in the sea. They looked onto the beach and saw JESUS! They were so surprised! They came to the beach to see Jesus. Jesus was cooking lunch for them. WOW! Jesus made them a picnic, just like we are having a picnic with our friends. Jesus wants to be our friend, too. **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend!**"

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3. PACK A PICNIC

WHAT YOU NEED: Picnic basket, play food, and a blanket

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place all the supplies in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children to work together and pack the picnic basket with the plastic food. Help the children spread the blanket out on the floor. Sit with the children and help them unpack the food and have a pretend picnic.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to pack up the picnic basket, pick up the basket and blanket, and put them away.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to work together to pack a picnic to enjoy with our friends."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Place all of the food in the basket for our picnic. (Pause.) Now we need to spread out the blanket to sit on. (Do activity.) What a great picnic! Now let's work together and pack everything up and put it away." (Finish activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I love having picnics with my friends. Jesus had a picnic with His friends, too, in our Bible story. Jesus wants to be our good friend, too! **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend!**"

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CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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4. FISH ON A PLATE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Plate Label" Activity Page, Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent, red dessert plates (*one per child*), and fish stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the label paper (*one label per child*).

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a plate and the fish stickers. Ask the children to place the stickers all over the plate. Help the children place the label on the plate.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible story, Jesus cooked fish for His friends."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to make a plate of fish to take home so that we can tell our families all about our Bible story." (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Nice job! Jesus cooked fish for His friends, and He is our good friend, too! **Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend!**"