

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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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.
Catch the Fish
Colored Boat Matching
Picnic

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 Picnic Party
The Beach
Fish for Breakfast
Parachute
Breakfast on the Beach
Journal and Prayer

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. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Proverbs 17:17. You will need a CD player and this month's worship song, "Doesn't Matter," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves are available on the Hip Hip Hooray! Dance Moves DVD or in your monthly media package, if you subscribe.

LEADER: "Hello, hello, friends. It's so great to see you today! It's time to sing and dance, but before we do that, can you tell me: **Who is your friend?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus is my friend**, and we have one more story to tell about that today. But first, let's sing our song together.

(Lead children in singing "Doesn't Matter," this month's worship song.)

"Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: **Who is your friend?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes indeed, **Jesus is my friend**. Who can help me remember what we do next? We sang our first song. What do we do now? *(Pause.)* Yes! We say our memory verse. Are you ready to say it with me? A friend *(hook your pointer fingers together)* loves *(hug yourself)* at all times *(stretch your arms out to each side with your palms facing up as you turn in a circle)*, Proverbs 17:17. *(Open your hands like a book.)* Let's do it again."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "A friend *(hook your pointer fingers together)* loves *(hug yourself)* at all times *(stretch your arms out to each side with your palms facing up as you turn in a circle)*, Proverbs 17:17." *(Open your hands like a book.)*

LEADER: "Yes! You've got it totally memorized now! Way to go! I am so proud of you. **Who is your friend?**"



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CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is my friend."

STORY

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible,

LEADER: "Hi, friends! The Bible story I'm going to tell you today is about a picnic—a picnic Jesus had with some friends on a beach. Would you like to hear about the picnic Jesus had with His friends? (Pause.) Great!

(Open the Bible and hold it.)

"The last time I told you a story, I told you the true story of Easter. In that story, something very sad happened. Our good friend Jesus died and was put in a tomb. But did Jesus stay in the tomb? (Pause.)

"I can't hear you. Did Jesus stay in the tomb? (Pause.) You're right! Jesus did NOT stay in the tomb. Jesus came back, just like He promised! Wow! Jesus is alive! It was such GOOD NEWS!

(Lay the Bible aside.)

"Not long after Jesus came back, some of Jesus' friends were out fishing in a boat.

"Let's pretend we're fishing. You can pretend you have a fishing net like this. When I count to three, pretend you are throwing your fishing net in water and then pull it in. Ready? One, two, three!

(Pretend to cast your net.) "Again! One, two, three! *(Pretend to cast your net.)*

"Good job! While Jesus' friends were fishing, they looked over, and can you guess who they saw standing on the beach? (Pause.)

"JESUS! It was Jesus! They saw Jesus standing on the beach. They were so surprised to see their good friend Jesus! Show me your surprised face.

(Make a surprised face with hands on each side of your face, mouth, and eyes wide open.)

"If I saw Jesus standing on the beach, I would be so surprised too!

"Jesus' friends were so excited they hurried to go see Him. When they got to Jesus, He was cooking food for them. They had a picnic with Jesus right there on the beach. Jesus told them He loved them and He would always be their



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friend. It was the best day ever!

“Are you ready for the best part of today’s story? Make sure you have your listening ears on really, really good. Are you ready?”

“Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever too! It’s true! Jesus loves you and is your friend! **Who is your friend?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus is my friend!”

LEADER: “One more time! “Who is your friend?”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus is my friend!”

LEADER: “I love that Jesus is our friend. Let’s pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our friend. Everyone put your hands in your lap and close your eyes.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend. He truly is the best friend we will ever have. I pray that every person here will follow Jesus one day so He can be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”