

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

Woman at the Well
JOHN 4:1-30

MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other as I have
loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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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.
To the Heart
Well 
Heart Bin 

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Always

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 with Motions
Water in the Well
Love Parachute
Different Ice-Cream

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.

MEMORY VERSE

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WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player and this month's worship song, "Always," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video of this song is available on the "Everybody Sing!" Dance Moves DVD.

LEADER: "Good morning, friends! It's so great to see you today. This month we celebrate love, and not just anyone's love, but Jesus' love. He loves us SO, SO, SO much. He loves you and you and you. (*Point to friends.*) All month long, when I ask you, '**Who does Jesus love?**' I want you to say, '**Jesus loves everyone.**' Yes! He does! Jesus loves you always. Let's learn our new song together.

(Lead children in singing "Always.")

"You all did a fabulous job with our new song. I love it! Now tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.**"

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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, large opaque jar, and bottle of water

LEADER: "Hello, friends! Come and sit over here with me. I'm very glad to see you here today, because I have an amazing, TRUE story to share with you. If you want to hear my super amazing true story from the Bible, say, 'Oh yeah!'"

CHILDREN: "Oh yeah!"

LEADER: "A long time ago when someone was thirsty and needed a drink of water, they couldn't just go to the sink for water, open the fridge, or even go to a store for water! (*Open the bottle of water and take a drink.*)

"Mmm. That's good! There's nothing better than water when you're really thirsty. Show me what you look like when you're hot and thirsty!"

(Pause as children respond.)

"Great acting skills, my friends. See, back then when you were thirsty, you had

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to bring a jar and walk to a well. (*Pick up the jar and stand up.*) Stand up with me and let's walk around the room to find the well. (*Lead the children around the room and back to your original spot.*)

(*Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"*)
"We're walking to the well.
"We're walking to the well.
"Look, I think it's over there.
"We're walking to the well!"

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(*Speaking*) "Great job walking, friends. Let's have a seat! (*Pause.*) Can you imagine if you had to walk all the way to a well to find water? (*Pause.*) That's a LOT of work when you're thirsty!"

"One day, Jesus came by. He'd been traveling a long way and He was hot and tired and very thirsty. Show me what you look like again when you're hot and thirsty."

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(*Pause as children respond.*)

"Yes! That's how Jesus felt. So he went to the town well, but Jesus didn't have a jar to get a drink of water from the well. Just then a woman came to the well and she DID have a water jar. So Jesus asked her for a drink. (*Hold up the jar.*)"

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"But the woman at the well and Jesus were different. They came from different towns. And the people there did NOT like each other. Most of the time, they didn't even TALK to each other. So when Jesus asked the woman for a drink, she was probably thinking, 'Uh-oh. What should I do?' She didn't think that Jesus would want to be her friend because she was different! She came for water by herself because no one liked that she was different."

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"But **Jesus loves everyone.** That's what He told the woman at the well, and it made her feel so much better! And you know what? If Jesus loves everyone, then WE should too! Do this with me guys. Let's LOOOOOVE (*hug self*) EVERYONE! (*Throw arms out wide.*) One more time. Let's LOOOOOVE (*hug self*) EVERYONE! (*Throw arms out wide.*) Did you like that story? Say, 'Oh yeah!'"

CHILDREN: "Oh yeah!"

LEADER: "Here's the truth, friends: **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus loves everyone.**"

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LEADER: "Yes! I'm so glad to know that even though we're all different, **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Heavenly Father, we LOVE You. Thank You for this true story of how Jesus showed love to the woman who was different. We know that You love us SO much. Help us to love others—even those who are different from us—this week. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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