

# JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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### BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves us when no one else does.

The Unloved Woman  
**JOHN 8:2-11**

### MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other as I have loved you.”

**JOHN 15:12, NIV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

### 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.  
We Need Friends  
Spread Love Around  
Read About the Love

**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.  
Heart Verse  
Jesus Loves Everyone  
Dancing with Friends  
Cotton Candy

#### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Parent Cue

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## BIBLE STORY

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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](http://OrangeStore.org).*

## MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other as I have loved you."

**JOHN 15:12, NIV**

## 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:** "Hello, friends. What a wonderful day. I can't wait to sing with you. I love singing with you every week. But first tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.** That's right! Jesus loves everyone. He loves you and you and you and you. He loves all of us always. Let's sing about that.

## KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

*(Lead children in singing "Always.")*

"So good! I'm so proud of how well you're learning this song. Great job, everyone. Now tell me one more time: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.**"

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, several Little People® figures (*make sure at least one is a girl*), a bottle or wand of bubbles, a toy car, and a box to put everything in

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! If you are here today say, 'Hey!'"

**CHILDREN:** "Hey!"

**LEADER:** "Oh, good! Come sit here with me. I'm really glad to see you, because I want to tell you another TRUE story from the Bible. Today I want to tell you about a woman. (*Rummage around in the box.*) Oh, here she is!"

*(Take out a female Little People figure and set her on the floor in front of you.)*

**LEADER:** "Everyone say, 'Hi!'"

**CHILDREN:** "Hi!"

**LEADER:** "I need to tell you something that's a little bit sad about this lady.

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**BIBLE STORY**

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This woman, well, she didn't have any friends. She'd made some bad choices and no one wanted to be her friend. Isn't that sad?

*(Hold up the bottle of bubbles/bubble wand.)*

"Can you imagine not having a friend to blow bubbles with? Or could you imagine not having a friend to race cars with? *(Show race car.)* Playing with cars is way more fun with friends.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Love each other as I have loved you."

**JOHN 15:12, NIV**

"It would be so sad to have no friends to play with! And the woman WAS sad, because she had made a lot of bad choices, and a lot of people were mad at her. In fact, here come some now.

*(Set the other Little People on the floor, a little to the side of the woman figure.)*

"They took this woman to Jesus. And they pointed at her and said, 'Jesus, this woman has done bad things and she should get in big trouble!' Then Jesus asked them, 'Have you ever messed up or done bad things? Step forward if you're perfect and have never done bad things or done anything wrong!'

**KEY QUESTION**

Who does Jesus love?

"Well, guess what. No one stepped forward, because none of the people in that crowd were perfect. *(Begin putting the Little People in the crowd back into the box, one by one.)* One by one the people in the crowd walked away. Jesus looked at the woman and said, 'I will be your friend and help you make better choices from now on!'

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus loves everyone.

"Isn't Jesus amazing? He LOVES us so much even when we make bad choices. **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?"**

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

**LEADER: "That's right, friends. Jesus loves everyone. Let's pray."**

**PRAYER**

**LEADER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus. We know that Jesus loves EVERYONE! Help us to show love to others too. We love You, and we love Jesus. In His name we pray, amen."**