

# JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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LARGE GROUP  
RUG

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YEAR-OLDS



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**BIBLE STORY**

Jesus loves everyone.

Woman at the Well  
**JOHN 4:1-30**

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Love each other as I have  
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**JOHN 15:12, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**

Who does Jesus love?

**BOTTOM LINE**

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**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.  
Well Toss  
A Different Memory  
Drawing Water

**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  
A Well of My Own  
Candyland  
House Hunting  
Candy Craft  
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 John 15:12. You will also need a CD player and this month’s worship song, “Always,” which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves for this song are available on the “Everybody Sing” Dance Moves DVD.

**LEADER:** “Good morning, friends! It’s a new month, and I’m so excited to see you today. During the month of February, we celebrate love. There are hearts everywhere! Do you know who loves you so much? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus loves you. In fact, Jesus loves you and you and you and you. (Point around room.)

**Jesus loves everyone!** When I ask you this very important question, ‘Who does Jesus love?’ I want you to say, ‘Jesus loves everyone.’ Let’s try it. **Who does Jesus love?**”

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus loves everyone.”**

**LEADER:** “Great job! You guys are awesome! Let’s sing our new song about how much Jesus loves us. (Lead children in singing “Always,” this month’s worship song.)

“Yes! Jesus loves us ALWAYS! Isn’t that awesome? And Jesus doesn’t just love you and me. **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?**”

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Jesus loves everyone.”**

**LEADER:** “That’s right! **Jesus loves everyone.** Our memory verse is all about Jesus’ love. It says: Love each other (give yourself a big hug) as I (point up with both fingers) have loved you, (bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids), John 15:12. (Open your hands like a book.) Let’s try that together.”

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** “Love each other (give yourself a big hug) as I (point up with both fingers) have loved you, (bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids), John 15:12.” (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

**LEADER:** “Great job, everyone! Jesus is God’s Son. God sent Jesus to us, and Jesus loves each and every one of us.



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*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 sketch and 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).

**LEADER:** Bible

**LEADER:** “Well, hello, friends! 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:** “If your eyes are on me and your ears are open to hear this true story, say, ‘Uh-huh!’”

**CHILDREN:** “Uh-huh!”

**LEADER:** “Awesome. So our TRUE story begins at a well. At a what?”

**CHILDREN:** “A well!”

**LEADER:** “Now, I know what you’re thinking. Right now you’re thinking, ‘What’s a well, [LEADER’s name]?’ Well, a long time ago when someone was thirsty and needed a drink of water, they couldn’t just go to a faucet in their home, or open the fridge, or even go to a store for water.

“See, back then when you were thirsty, you had to bring a jar and walk and walk and walk to the town well to get water. 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. So He went to the town well, but everyone say, ‘Uh-oh!’”

**CHILDREN:** “Uh-oh!”

**LEADER:** “Yes, it was an uh-oh moment because Jesus was missing something super important—something he needs to GET the water. Can you guess what it is? (*Puts fingers to ear as if listening to the crowd; pause as children respond.*)



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"That's right! Jesus didn't have a jar to get a drink of water from the well. But just then a woman came to the well, and can you guess what she had with her? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! She had a water jar. So Jesus asked her for a drink. But wait, everyone say, 'Uh-oh,' again."

**CHILDREN:** "Uh-oh!"

**LEADER:** "This was another uh-oh moment, because she 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."

"But you tell me: Does JESUS love us even if we're different? (*Pause as children respond.*) Of course! Jesus loves us even if we have purple hair and play the harmonica. Jesus loves us if we like to dance in the rain while eating popsicles! Jesus loves us if we like to juggle monkeys with our eyes closed! Jesus loves EVERYONE!"

"And 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! Cause we're all different. We're different ages and different colors. We live in different houses. We like different foods. At the park, some of us like to slide and some of us would rather play in the sandbox. It's OKAY, because we're all different. And Jesus loves us all. 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.**"

**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 sending Jesus, Your Son, to show us how much You love us. 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."