

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

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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.
Friend to Friend
Good Choice/Bad Choice
Candy Makers 🚫

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 Pass
Jesus Loves Everyone
Spread the Love
Dance Party
Cupcake 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: “Yay! I’m so glad to see you today! It’s so much fun to sing with you. This month is so fun. I love all the hearts and all the love—so much love. **Who does Jesus love?**”

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

LEADER: “Yes, He does! Let’s sing this month’s song.”

(Lead children in singing “Always,” this month’s worship song.)

“Great singing, my friends. Remember, **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?**”

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

LEADER: “Exactly. **Jesus loves everyone.** It’s time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready? 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.) Do that with me.”

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: “You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today!”

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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.

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, box with Little People

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

CHILDREN: "Hey!"

LEADER: "Oh, good! You're here. You're awake. This is awesome. I'm really glad to see you, because today I want to tell you another TRUE story from the Bible. Remember, if we read it in the Bible, then we can know for sure that it really happened. 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.*)

"Everyone say, 'Hi!'"

CHILDREN: "Hi!"

LEADER: "Awesome. Now let's bring out all the woman's friends.

(*Wait five seconds without making a move toward the box.*)

"Oh yeah, see, here's the thing. 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?

"Can you imagine not having a friend to blow bubbles with? Who would pop them?"

"Or a friend to race cars with? You wouldn't have anyone to race!"

"No one to throw you the ball? Who would catch it and throw it back? That would be so sad! Well, 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.



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(Set the other Little People up on the floor a little off 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! She deserves to be punished!' Then Jesus asked them, 'Have you ever messed up or done bad things? Have you ever made bad choices? Step forward if you're perfect and have never done bad things or done anything wrong!'

"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 in the box, one by one.)* Then 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!'

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

CHILDREN: "Jesus loves everyone."

LEADER: "That's right, friends. **Jesus loves everyone.** He loved the woman who had messed up. He loved the people in the crowd who were mad. And He loves me and He loves you no matter what! **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's pray."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus. Thanks for sending Your only Son to the world so we could see how much You LOVE us. Help us to love others too. We love You, and we love Jesus. In His name we pray, amen."