

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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BIBLE STORY

Jesus never stops loving us.

Peter's Denial and Restoration

MATTHEW 26:31-35, 69-75;
JOHN 21:15-17

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.
Stop and Go
THREE Ring Toss
Rooster 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 Love
Three Times
Yes or No
A Different Parachute
Gumballs Galore
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.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, hello, friends. It's so great to see you today! I'm so excited, and I can't wait to sing with you. But first tell me: **Who does Jesus love?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus loves everyone.** He loves you and you and you and you. He loves everyone! Let's sing this month's song all about that. (Lead children in singing "Always," this month's worship song.)

"Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes indeed, **Jesus loves everyone.** 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? 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 do it again."

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP 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.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! You've got it totally memorized now. Way to go! I am so proud of you. It's time to praise Jesus together. Are you ready? Let's sing.

(Lead children in singing "Every Day.")

"So great! Remind me one more time: **Who does Jesus love?**"

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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 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

STORYTELLER: "What is UP, everyone? You are looking so awesome today. If you FEEL awesome, say, 'So awesome!'"

CHILDREN: "So awesome!"

STORYTELLER: "Well, I'm glad you feel awesome, because today I want to tell you something SUPER awesome and totally true. In our TRUE Bible story today, I'm going to show you how I know for sure that **Jesus loves everyone.**

"This true story begins with Jesus and His friend, Peter. Peter and Jesus were really good friends. And Peter wanted everyone to know about Jesus. In fact, he said there is NOTHING that would ever stop him from telling people about Jesus. Even if people made fun of him, or took all his stuff, Peter would STILL tell people about Jesus. Pretty cool, right? Peter felt like a superhero.

"But Jesus told him that before the rooster crowed, Peter would say he wasn't Jesus' friend. And he would say this not one, not two, but THREE times. Well, Peter couldn't believe this was true! There was no way he would say that Jesus wasn't his friend THREE times!

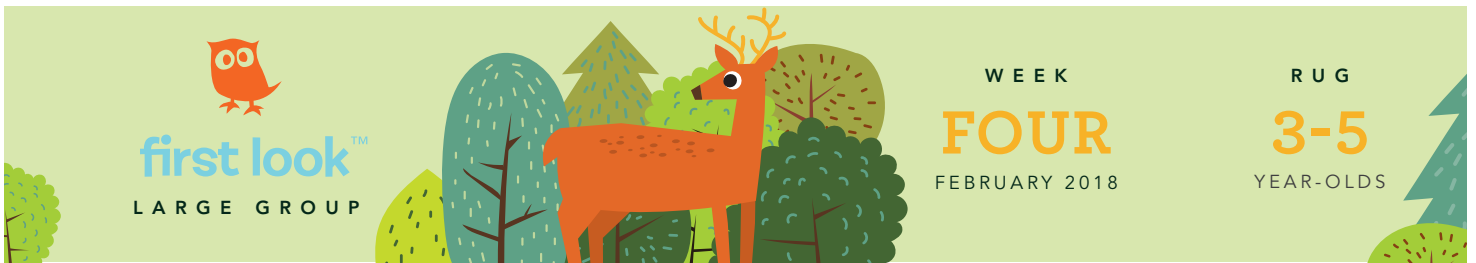
"Soon after, Jesus was arrested by guards. Even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, they took him away. Peter was all alone. And he was scared. He thought he might get in trouble too.

"Just then a young girl came by. 'Aren't you one of Jesus' friends?' she asked.

"'No!' Peter said. Remember what Jesus said to Peter? (*Pause.*) That he would say he wasn't Jesus' friend. Uh-oh, that's one time.

"Then another girl came by saying, 'This guy was with Jesus!'

"What do you guys think Peter said in that moment? (*Pause.*) Yeah, instead of telling the truth about being Jesus' friend, Peter said, 'No, I wasn't with Jesus.



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I don't know him!

"That's the second time. Man, this isn't looking good for Peter.

"Then a crowd said, 'Yes, you do! You DO know Jesus!'

"And again, Peter did exactly what Jesus said he would do. He shouted, 'NO! I promise, He's not my friend.' So how many times did Peter say he didn't know Jesus? (Pause.) Yep. Three times before the rooster crowed, just like Jesus had said.

"Peter felt SO bad. He thought that Jesus would never be his friend again. But guess who showed up for breakfast on the beach one day? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus. Jesus asked Peter if he still loved Him. That was the first time Jesus asked. And Peter said, 'Yes! Of course I love You!'

"Then Jesus asked again. 'Peter, do you love me?'

"Yes!' Peter said.

"And ONE more time. 'Peter, do YOU love ME?' For the third time, Peter said, 'Yes, Lord!'

"Jesus wanted Peter to know that there was never, ever, ever, ever, EVER anything he could do to make Jesus stop loving him. And you know what? There is never ever, ever, ever, EVER anything you could do to make Jesus stop loving you. He loves you to the moon and back and He always, always will because **Jesus loves everyone**. He will never stop loving us. **Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, and He will never stop. Let's pray and thank God for that BIG truth today."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, You are the BEST! Thank You for always loving us with a never-stopping, never-fading, never-failing, always kind of love. We believe that You love us no matter what and that You sent Jesus to show us that in a real way. Help us to remember this week that You love us. In Jesus' name, amen."