



WEEK TWO - JULY 2018

Bible Story: *You've Got a Friend in Me • John 1:43-51*

Bottom Line: *Find friends who help you trust in Jesus.*

Memory Verse: *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:6 NIV*

Life App: *Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: Next, we look to **John 1:43-51**. John recounts the start of Jesus ministry when he was starting to choose the 12 Disciples. One of those disciples was a guy named Phillip. Phillip was so overwhelmed when he met Jesus that he couldn't wait to tell others. Phillip found his friend Nathanael and invited him to meet Jesus. Turns out that Jesus had big plans for Nathanael too!

"We all need people in our life who will help us live fully alive. We want kids to figure out who, in their life is encouraging them to have faith in Jesus."

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing/building/designing

What You Need: Paper; markers

What You Do:

- Set out paper and markers.
- Direct kids to draw pictures of their friends and tell the group what they love about those friends.

**Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS**

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Philippian Handshakes

[Memory Verse Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain & taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Show kids where Philippians 1:6 is found in the Bible and then read the verse aloud.
- Help kids create several handshake-movements to go with separate parts of the verse. For example:
 - **Being confident of this** (Create a high-five handshake.)
 - **that he who began a good work in you** (Create a pointing finger handshake.)
 - **will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.** (Create a two-handed high-five handshake.)
- Say the memory verse with the children several times using the handshakes to help them remember the different phrases.

What You Say:

*"Sometimes, when you meet a new person, you shake their hand. It's a polite gesture that says, 'I'm glad to meet you.' It's really great to make new friends, isn't it? The best kinds of friends are the ones who care about following Jesus. So, **[Bottom Line]** find friends who help you trust Jesus. And BE that kind of friend to others. Learning to be a good friend is part of God's plan for you. Philippians 1:6 promises that God will keep working in your life, and He will use good friends to help you grow stronger in Him."*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Sit in a circle
- Ask them to think of one friend that they could lean on to help trust in Jesus.
- As you pray, have them think of that one friend.

What You Say:

"God wants you to [Bottom Line] find friends who help you trust Jesus. One of the ways we help someone is by praying for them. Let's do that now.

"Think of your friend as I pray. When I pause, pray silently by finishing the sentence with your own words. Lord, thank You for my friend (pause). I can help my friend trust you this week by (pause).

Now, let's pray silently as I pray out loud. Lord, thank You for being my best friend. Please give me good friends who help me trust You and follow You. In Jesus' name, amen."