

WEEK 3 - February 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus is our friend even when no one else is.

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.

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A playground ball, a lunch box or bag, a toy car, a box, and a Bible Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

(Enters carrying a Bible and box with props and sets the box on the table.)

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman.

(Option: Story Image W3 01)

"This woman was very sad. Can you show me your very sad face? (*Pause.*) So sad! This woman was sad because she didn't have any friends. She'd made a lot of bad choices and now no one wanted to be her friend. Wouldn't that make you sad?

(Hold up the playground ball.)

"What if you had no friends to play with at the park? It's not so fun to throw a ball to yourself.

(Hold up the lunch box.)

"What if you had no friends to sit with you while you have a snack? Silent snack? That's no fun.

(Hold up the toy car.)

"What if you had no one to play cars with? Everybody knows it's way more fun to race cars with someone else. Not having any friends would be so sad.

(Walk back to front of the stage, leaving the props in the box or on the table.)

"One day, Jesus was teaching a bunch of people. Suddenly, some men who didn't like the woman brought her to Jesus and said, 'Jesus, this woman has done bad things! She deserves to be punished!'

(Option: Story Image W3 02)

"What do you think? Do you think Jesus loved her and wanted to be her friend? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus did love her and wanted to be her friend. Instead of punishing her, Jesus asked the men, 'Have you ever 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.'

"Can you guess what happened? No one stepped forward because none of them were perfect. Jesus told the woman that He would be her friend. He told her that He loved her no matter what and that she should stop making bad choices.

(Option: Story Image W3 03)

(Stand behind the table and pick up the ball again.)

"Tell me, friends, will Jesus be our friend even when we don't have anyone to play with?

(Hold up the lunch box and toy car.)

"Will Jesus love you when you need to finish your snack or play with your cars on your own? (Pause.) Of course. Will Jesus love us no matter what? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus will always love us. Jesus wants to be our friend forever. So tell me: Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: (Walk to the right side of the stage.) "Friends on this side, who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: (Walk to the left side of the stage.) "Friends on this side, who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: "That's right! I don't ever want you to forget that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone. Let's tell God how happy we are that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for this true story about the woman who was so sad. But she wasn't sad after she met Jesus. She knew that day that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone. If we feel alone or sad this week, help us to remember that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. In His name we pray, amen."

(Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Welcome, friends! Did you know that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone? He does! Who does Jesus love?

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's sing together because Jesus loves every single one of us!"

(Lead children in singing "I've Got a Friend," this month's worship song.)

"That was awesome! Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He does! Our memory verse reminds us that we can love others because Jesus loves us! Let's practice it together. 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 hands like a book.) Let's say it together.

(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

"Good job, friends! We can love others because Jesus loves us. **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!**

(Lead children in singing "Perfectly Made.")

"Jesus loves you exactly the way you are. He loves EVERYTHING about you. **Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."