



WEEK 3 -April 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.

Breakfast on the Beach • *John 21:1-14*

Memory Verse: "I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

Key Question: Who is alive?

Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

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 Bible, an inflatable boat, a toy fishing pole, a fishing hat, a pretend campfire (rocks in a circle with some sticks in the middle of it), a camping seat, a toy frying pan, and toy fish

(Storyteller enters carrying a Bible. All of the story props should be inside the inflatable boat over to the side on the storytelling area.)

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.

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! Sounds like [Host’s name] is having a special breakfast this morning. It just so happens that the Bible *(hold up Bible and lay it down)* story I am telling you today is about another special breakfast.

“I brought a few things to help me tell the story. First, I need this boat over here.

(Pull the boat to one side of the storytelling area and begin going through the items inside it.)

“I definitely need my favorite fishing hat. *(Put the hat on.)* Ooooh, and I’ll need this.

(Hold up the fishing pole.)

“Do you know what this is? *(Pause.)* Yes! It’s a fishing pole. I have to have my fishing pole and *(hold up frying pan)* this frying pan . . . oh, and I need a campfire!

(Lay the fishing pole by the boat and then quickly take the rocks and sticks to the other side of the storytelling area and make a campfire. Run back and grab the campfire chair, toy frying pan, toy spatula, and toy fish, and take them to the campfire.)

“Whew! I think I’m ready! Are you ready to hear a story from the Bible?”

(Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it to the side.)

“Fantastic! Today we’re going to talk about what happened after Easter. Easter started out sad because Jesus died and was put in a tomb.

(Option: Story Image W3 01)

But did Jesus stay there? *(Pause.)*

“Nooo! Jesus came back, just like He said He would. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**

(Option: Story Image W3 02)

(Get inside the boat and acts like you’re fishing.)

“Well, not long after that, some of Jesus’ friends were fishing. While they were fishing, they saw someone standing on the beach. Guess who it was!

(Stand in the boat and get very excited.)

“JESUS! Jesus was standing on the beach. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!** And they were so excited to see Him. Show me your best excited face.

(Make an excited face with the children.)

(Option: Story Image W3 03)

“The excitement doesn’t stop there. Jesus told His friends to come have breakfast with Him.

(Take off the fishing hat, and put the hat and fishing pole in the boat. Go to the campfire and sit in the chair. Hold the pan with the toy fish and pretend to cook.)

(Option: Story Image W3 04)

“So they did! Jesus’ friends sat with Him around the fire where He was cooking some fish and bread. Jesus was alive. And He was sitting right there cooking fish! They were so happy to be with their good friend Jesus again. They knew that Jesus loved them and that He would always be their friend—for ever and ever!

(Walk to the center of the storytelling area.)

“Jesus loves YOU, too! Jesus loves you so much, and He wants to be YOUR friend for ever and ever! How awesome is that? **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and He wants to be your friend forever. **Who is alive?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”

STORYTELLER: “Louder! **Who is alive?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”

STORYTELLER: “Okay, friends, it’s time to close our eyes and talk to God.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and He loves us and He wants to be our friend for ever and ever. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“Bye, friends! I’ll see you next time!”

(Storyteller exits holding the Bible as Host enters carrying the flower from the Intro Sketch.)

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! Do you remember what we’re learning all month long? **Who is alive?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive.** That’s something to celebrate for sure! Let’s sing out to Him.

(Lead children in singing “He’s Alive Oh Yeah,” this month’s worship song.)

“That was awesome! **Who is alive?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, He is! Our memory verse reminds us that we can follow Jesus. Let’s practice it together. *“I am alive (point both hands up) for ever and ever!” (Twirl around.)* Revelation 1:18. *(Open hands like a book.)* Let’s say it together.

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

“Good job, friends! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive**, and we can follow Him. Sing with me!

(Lead children in singing “Follow On.”)

“Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Jesus is the BEST! **Who is alive?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive.”

Dismiss children to small groups.