

WEEK 4 - May 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God loves me and sent Jesus to be my friend forever.

God Gave His Only Son • John 3:16

Memory Verse: "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love."

Romans 8:39, NIrV

Key Question: Who loves you? **Bottom Line:** God loves me. **Basic Truth:** God loves me.

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 large heart drawn on the side of a medium-sized moving box, a globe, a large wrapped gift with a big bow, "Jesus Image" Activity Page copied on cardstock, and a Bible

Preset the "heart" box, globe, wrapped gift, and "Jesus Image" (if using a printed image instead of projecting onscreen) on stage.

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: (Enters with Bible.) "Hi, friends! I'm super excited to see you all here today. (Hold up the Bible.) Today's true story from the Bible begins with God. All month long, we've been learning that [Bottom Line] God loves me.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

(Set box with heart in front of the children.) "It's true. God loves you, and God loves me. God loves us with his WHOLE heart.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

(Hold up the globe.) "This is the world. We live right here. (Spin globe around and point to your location.) But God doesn't just love the people in (name your town). (Spin globe around.) God loves everyone in the whole WIDE world. (Stop globe and point to a land mass.) You could live here, (point to another spot) or here, (point to another spot) or over here, (point to another spot) or even here. God loves everyone all over the world.

(Set the globe on the stage next to the heart box.)

"God loves everyone SO much that He gave us all a very special gift."

(Hold up the gift; then set it on the stage next to the globe.)

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"It wasn't a new bicycle. It wasn't a cute, fluffy puppy. Do you want to hear what the special gift is? It's JESUS!

(Hold up 'Jesus Image.')

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"God loved (point to the heart box) the world (point to the globe) so much that He gave (point to the gift) us Jesus ('Jesus Image').

"Now, say it after me. (Point to heart) God loved . . . "

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

CHILDREN: "God loved . . . "

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

STORYTELLER: (Point to the globe.) "The world so much . . ."

CHILDREN: "The world so much . . . "

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

STORYTELLER: (Point to the gift.) "He gave us . . ."

CHILDREN: "He gave us . . ."

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

STORYTELLER: (Jesus image.) "Jesus!"

CHILDREN: "Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! Jesus is special because Jesus is God's son! Drumroll please, just like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Jesus wants to be our friend forever! That's right. Jesus wants to be my friend forever. And Jesus wants to be your friend forever (*pointing at different groups of children each time*) and your friend, and your friend, and your friend, too!

"God loves you so much, He gave you Jesus! Tell me, who loves you?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God loves me."

STORYTELLER: "It's true! God loves you, and God loves me. God loved the whole world SO much that He gave us Jesus. Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be our friend forever because [Bottom Line] God loves me."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us SO much that you sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us to show that love to others this week. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

(Host enters. 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: "Hey, everybody! Do you remember who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me! Who loves you?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God loves me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He does! *[Bottom Line]* God loves me. He loves you when you dance and when you play, when you laugh or shout and sing! Let's dance and sing to Him!"

(Lead children in singing "God Loves Me Specially," this month's worship song.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "That was awesome! So, **who loves you?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God loves me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right, **[Bottom Line] God loves me.** Let's say our verse together. 'Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself).' Romans 8:39. (Open your hands like a book.) Say it with me!"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, friends! I'm so glad to know that God made me and God loves me! God is always with me so I can say, 'Fear Get out of Here!' Let's sing that together!

(Lead children in singing "Fear Get Out of Here.")

"Great singing, friends! One more time, who loves you?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God loves me."

Dismiss children to small groups.