



WEEK 2 - February 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: Jesus loves me and wants to spend time with me.

Mary and Martha • *Luke 10:38-42*

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story.

-Time

Make it True

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

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-Time with Jesus
-Love all the time
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Time

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Cell phone timer

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set the timer for 15 seconds.

During the Activity: Have children lie on the floor and wait for the timer to go off. When the timer goes off, instruct the children to jump up and do an activity. When the activity is done, ask the children to lie back down. Reset the timer. Repeat with another activity. Activities are: Jumping jacks, spin, hop on one foot, clap, and touch toes. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to spend time together doing something super-fun."

During the Activity: "Lie on the floor and be very still. I will set the timer. (*Hold up.*) When you hear the timer go off, jump up and clap your hands. Are you ready? (*Do activity.*) Nice job! It's time to do another one! This time when you jump up, let's do jumping jacks!" (*Continue and finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job, friends. I love spending time with you! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about two sisters who spent time with Jesus."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by timing how long it takes to get to the story area with your cell phone or kitchen timer.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: Jesus wants to spend time with me. Week two, we will hear the story of Jesus wanting to spend time with two of His friends, Mary and Martha. We focus on the simple fact that Jesus wants to spend time with us. We want preschoolers to walk away thinking, 'Wow! Jesus wants to sit with me, listen to me, talk with me, because Jesus loves me!' Why? Because every child was made for His love.

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Time with Jesus

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "Time Cards" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, music player, and the monthly song, "Whole Lotta Bit"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Time Cards" on to the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines, one set of six cards per small group. Place the cards in a stack.

During the Activity: Draw a card and do and say what matches the picture on the card. Cards and actions are:

- Children singing—"We can sing our praises to Jesus and spend time with Him. Let's sing 'Jesus loves me.'" *(Sing the song with the children.)*
- Children dancing—*(Turn on the music player.)* "We can praise Jesus and dance to spend time with Him! *(Dance to the song.)*
- Children walking outside—"We can spend time with Jesus by walking outside and looking at all of the wonderful things He has made. Let's pretend to walk outside." *(Walk around the room.)*
- Praying hands—"We can spend time with Jesus by talking to Him. Let's pray! *(Kneel and fold hands.)* Dear Jesus, we love You. Thank You for being our friend. Amen."
- Bible—"We can spend time with Jesus by reading the Bible. Let's pretend to open our Bible *(open hands like a book)* and read our memory verse!" *(Say the memory verse.)*
- Heart—"We can spend time with Jesus by telling Him that we love Him! Let's tell Him together! I LOVE YOU JESUS!"

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We learned in our Bible story today that we can spend time with Jesus in many different ways! Let's spend time with Jesus!"

During the Activity: "I have cards that will show us how we can spend time with Jesus. *(Draw a card.)* I see a heart! We can spend time with Jesus by telling Him that we love Him! Let's tell Him together! I LOVE YOU JESUS! Let's draw another card! *(Draw a card)* This card has children dancing on it. *(Turn on the music player.)* We can praise Jesus and dance to spend time with Him! *(Dance to the song.)* Spending time with Jesus is so much fun! Let's keep going!" *(Continue and finish activity.)*

After the Activity: “Friends, it can be wonderful to spend time with Jesus. There are so many ways! Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Tell me, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**”

2. Love All the Time

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Watch Band” and “Watch Face” Activity Pages; cardstock; stickers; crayons; glue sticks; scissors; two-inch circle punch; VELCRO® adhesive dots; and a marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Watch Band” on cardstock and cut out, two per child. Copy “Watch Face” on cardstock and cut out with the circle punch or scissors, two per child. For each band, add one side of a VELCRO® dot to the front of one end of the band and the other side of the Velcro dot to the back of the other end of the band.

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue the watch faces to their two bands and decorate with crayons and stickers. Say the memory verse together and help the children put on their watches. Send the second watch home to give to a friend.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! Come sit with me. Today, we’re going to make a watch. Watches tell us what time it is. This watch helps us remember that Jesus loves us, all the time.”

During the Activity: “We’ll make one watch to keep and one to give away. Glue the watch face to the band then decorate it with the crayons and stickers. *(Pause.)* These look great! Which watch do you want to keep for yourself? *(Put that one on their wrist.)* You can give this one to a friend. Let’s say our memory verse together. ‘A friend loves at all times.’ Proverbs 17:17. *(Repeat.)* Awesome job, friends.”

After the Activity: “Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Jesus wants to spend time with you. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**”

3. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Proverbs 17:17, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Today, we’ll pretend we’re sweeping like Martha while we walk to our small group spot. Grab your pretend broom and start sweeping! *(Pretend to sweep back and forth as you lead the children to your small group spot.)*”

“We made it! And you swept the floor clean, just like Martha would. But now, let’s sit down like Mary and talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

“Our Bible story was about how Jesus wants to spend time with us. Jesus loves us, and He likes it when we talk to Him, read our Bibles, sing songs to Him, and even dance with joy! Spending time with Jesus is one way we can show Him that we love Him. And like the Bible verse we are learning says . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

“A friend loves at all times.’ Proverbs 17:17. *(Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“That’s why Jesus wants to spend time with us all of the time! Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “A friend *(hook your pointer fingers together)* loves *(hug yourself)* at all times,’ *(stretch your arms out and turn in a circle)* Proverbs 17:17.” *(Open hands like a book.)*

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: “Jesus is the best friend ever because He loves us, SO much! **Who loves you?”**

CHILDREN and SGL: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus loves me!”

SGL: “Say it in a whisper this time! **Who loves you?”**

CHILDREN and SGL: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus loves me!”

SGL: *(cheering in a normal voice)* “Yay! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves me!

“Okay, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“Mary spent time with Jesus in her house. I like to spend time with Jesus outside. We can spend time with Jesus anywhere, because He always wants to spend time with us. Let’s make a list of our favorite places to spend time with Jesus. It can be your bedroom, your yard, a park, your car . . . ANYWHERE!

“When I say your name, tell me your favorite place to spend time with Jesus, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“This is a wonderful list! Let’s use this list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere, like . . . (*read the list the children made*). I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

