

WEEK 1 - April 2021 - PRESCHOOL

Make it True

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

-Large group time

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LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Large heart cutout; Bible; chair; TV tray or low table; cup; plate; artificial tree; and dance music or “Very Best Friend;” *Optional Story Images*

What You Do:

Preset the chair and TV tray or low table with the plate and cup on one side of your stage and set the artificial tree on the other side.

The storyteller enters carrying the heart cutout and a Bible.

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m SO glad you’re here today. Today is a day for celebrating, and I want to tell you all about it.

Hold up the heart.

“Do you know what this is? Go ahead and say it out loud, everybody!”

CHILDREN: “A heart!”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right, a heart! Because the true story of Easter begins with God’s love for us. Everybody, hold your hands way up in the air. Hold them high. Good job. The Bible teaches us that God’s love for us goes higher than the highest mountain—higher than any kite can fly.

“Now, stretch your hands out wide like this.

Stretch arms and hands out wide.

“Great. God’s love for us is bigger and wider than we can even hold. Now, put your hands down deep to the ground.

Put hands down to the ground.

“God’s love for us goes deeper than the deepest ocean. He loves us SOOOOO much.

Hold up the heart again.

“God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. But first something sad had to happen.

Walk to the TV tray or low table and sit.

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“One night, when Jesus was having dinner with His good, good friends, He told them that He would have to go away. But He promised them He would come back. They were sad and confused, but remember that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever.

Walk over to kneel beside the tree.

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“After dinner, Jesus went to pray in a garden. While He prayed and talked to God, some angry people came and took Jesus away.

Stand back up.

“They hurt Jesus . . . *(simple, somber)* and then He died. It was very sad. All of Jesus’ friends were so sad. Can you show me your sad face? *(Pause.)*

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“Yes, they were so sad. They put Jesus’ body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it. Three sad days went by. Count three days with me.”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Day one, day two, day three!”

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STORYTELLER: “On the third day, when some of Jesus’ friends went to the tomb, they saw that the stone was rolled away, and Jesus was NOT there.

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“Then came the good news! Jesus came back, just like He said He would! Everyone was so happy! Can you show me your happy face? *(Pause.)* Yes! Jesus is ALIVE! It was amazing, incredible! Everyone, stand up and do your happy celebration dance.

SFX: Dance music or “Very Best Friend” (about 15 seconds)

“Yay! Jesus is alive! We celebrate today because it’s Easter, and Jesus is ALIVE. He wants to be our friend forever. When I ask, ‘**Who wants to be your friend forever?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’ Ready? **Who wants to be your friend forever?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”

STORYTELLER: “One more time, **who wants to be your friend forever?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”

STORYTELLER: “That’s why Easter is such a BIG celebration! Let’s thank God for sending Jesus because of His high, wide, deep love for us!”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for sending your Son, Jesus, because You love us! Thank You that we can celebrate today because Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We love You, and it’s in Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

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

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: WORSHIP LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad to be with you today. It’s time for worship! Worship is one BIG way we can show Jesus how much we love Him. Did you know that Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever? It’s true. **Who wants to be your friend forever?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “He sure does! He is our very best friend. Let’s sing this together!”

Lead children in singing “Very Best Friend,” this month’s worship song.

“Jesus is the very best friend I know! He loves you, and He loves me. I’m so glad to know for sure that **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** The Bible says, ‘How wide (*hold arms out wide*) and long (*raise one hand high and hold one hand low*) and high (*jump*) and deep (*crouch*) is the love (*hug yourself*) of Christ,’ (*point up*) Ephesians 3:18. (*Open hands like a book.*)

“Let’s say our memory verse together!

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

“No one loves you like Jesus! He loves you—not a little bit—but a whole lotta bit. Let’s sing this out!

Lead children in singing “Whole Lotta Bit.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Jesus’ love will never run away. It will never quit! **Who wants to be your friend forever?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”**

Dismiss children to small groups.