

WEEK 2 - 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

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible; *Optional Story Images*

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible.

"Today's true story from the Bible (*open the Bible*) is about a breakfast that happened not long after Jesus came back. Do you remember why we celebrate Easter? It started out sad. Jesus died and was put in a tomb.

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"But did Jesus stay there?"

CHILDREN: "No!"

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STORYTELLER: "That's right. Jesus came back, just like He said He would! It was such good news. Jesus is alive, and one of the things He wanted to do was spend time with His friends.

"Now, do this with me friends.

Pretend to cast a fishing pole.

“What do you think we’re doing? Are we . . . throwing a shoe? *(Laugh.)* No! What are we doing? We’re fishing! That’s right.

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“And that’s what Jesus’ friends were doing. They were fishing in a boat early in the morning when all of the sudden, they saw someone standing on the shore. Do you know who they saw? Who promised to come back?”

CHILDREN: “Jesus!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! It was Jesus. Jesus is alive! His friends were so excited to see Him. Show me your excited face, friends. *(Pause.)* Good job!”

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“In fact, Peter, one of Jesus’ friends on the boat, was SO excited that he jumped in the water to swim to Jesus. Let’s pretend to swim to Jesus. Ready?”

Lead children to “swim” for several seconds.

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“Whew, swimming is tiring! Good job! We made it. And when they got to the shore, Jesus was cooking breakfast.

“Do you think they had pancakes? *(Pause.)* Or cereal? *(Pause.)* Cereal for breakfast is my favorite! No, Jesus was making them fish for breakfast.

“SO, they all sat and had breakfast with their best friend, Jesus! Jesus is alive. He loved them SO much and wanted to show them that He would always be their friend, forever and ever.

“Guess what? Jesus loves YOU so much, and He wants to be YOUR friend too, forever and ever. How awesome is that? Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever?**”

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

STORYTELLER: “Yes, He does! Let’s pray and thank Jesus for being the best friend ever!”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Thank You, Jesus, for doing exactly what You promised. You said You would come back, and You did! You are the best friend ever. Thank You for loving us. In Your name we pray, amen.

“Thanks, everybody! Bye-bye!

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

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, friends! How are you today? If you’re good, let me see a thumbs-up! *(Pause.)* Awesome! I’m glad to see you, because all month long, we’re talking about how much Jesus loves us! Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever?**”

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

WORSHIP LEADER: “It’s true! Jesus is the BEST friend ever. Sing this out with me!

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

“What an awesome truth! Jesus is the VERY best friend, and His love for us is higher and wider and deeper and longer than anything. That’s our memory verse for this month. Let’s say it together.

“‘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.)*

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

“Jesus LOVES us so, so much. And He shows us how to love others! Let’s sing ‘Love Like Jesus’ together.

Lead children in singing “Love Like Jesus.”

“I wanna be a good, good friend just like Jesus! I’m so glad that *[Bottom Line]* **Jesus wants to be my friend forever. 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.