

## WEEK 3 - 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 - MAKE IT TRUE**

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### **LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

#### **Bible Story**

**What You Need:** Bible, coat, doll house, play food, and a box; *Optional Story Images*

**What You Do:** Place the Bible, coat, doll house, and play food inside the box.

*The storyteller enters carrying the box.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name]. How's everyone doing today? *(Pause.)*

*Set the box on the table. Pull out the Bible.*

"I'm REALLY glad you're here because it's time to hear a TRUE story from the Bible. Are you ready to hear it? If you are, say, 'I'm ready!'"

**CHILDREN:** "I'm ready!"

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)*

**STORYTELLER:** "Today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus' friends who wanted to LOVE people like Jesus loved them. Everyone, make a heart with your hands like this and hold it out in front of you.

*Put hands together to make a heart: four fingers from both hands curled for the top, two thumbs pressed together to form the bottom.*

“Yes! They wanted to LOVE (*make a heart again*) people like Jesus loved them. So, do you know what they did? Ask me, ‘What did they do?’”

**CHILDREN:** “What did they do?”

**STORYTELLER:** “Well, I’m glad you asked. They SHARED.

*Pull the coat from the box and wrap it around your shoulders.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)*

“If someone needed a coat, they gave him one of theirs. Awesome, right?”

*Pull the doll house from the box and hold it up.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

“If someone needed a place to stay, they shared their home! Amazing!”

*Pull out the food and hold it up.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)*

“If someone didn’t have something to eat, they would give her food!”

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 05)*

“Jesus’ friends were super sharers because that is how Jesus loved people. He shared with everyone. Jesus’ friends spent lots of time together. They ate, talked, and laughed. They loved (*make a heart with your hands*) each other because Jesus loved them.

“And do you know what else they did? They praised God. This showed everyone that they were friends with Jesus.

“I want to do that, too! I want to be a friend like Jesus. I want to share with my friends so they know Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

“Raise your hand if you want to be a friend like Jesus. (*Pause and look at one side of the room.*) You do? (*Look to the other side of the room.*) You guys, too? Raise them as high as you can!”

“Yes! Let’s do it. Let’s be friends like Jesus and share so that everyone knows how much Jesus loves them. Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever?**”

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

**STORYTELLER:** “Who wants to be your friend forever?”

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

**STORYTELLER:** “That’s the truth! Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

**PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “Jesus, thank You for being such a good, good friend. Help us love others by sharing and helping this week. We LOVE You. Thanks for being our friend, Jesus. Amen.

“You are awesome, my friends. I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

*The Storyteller exits with the box of props.*

**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! I’m so happy to see you today. Do you know what time it is? It’s my FAVORITE time—WORSHIP time! Let’s thank Jesus for being the best friend ever! We can do that by singing to Him. So on your feet and let’s sing about Jesus, our very best friend.

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

“That was AWESOME! Jesus is the reason my feet are moving. I love singing out with you! Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever?**”

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “That’s right! **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** He LOVES you and me. Let’s say our memory verse together!

*Say the verse and do the motions together several times.*

“‘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.*)

“The Bible reminds us of how high and wide and long and deep Jesus’ love is for us! He loves you, and He loves me, a whole lotta, lotta bit! Sing this with me!

*Lead children in singing “Whole Lotta Bit.”*

“Jesus’ love will never quit. His love will never run away. Jesus loves you (*point to different children*) and you and you and you and you and ALL of us! Nothing can change His love for you. Nothing can take it away. That’s why Jesus is THE best friend. So one more time, **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.*