WEEK 4 - 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, cell phone, reusable grocery bag, and playground ball; *Optional Story Images*

What You Do: Put the cell phone and ball inside the grocery bag.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the grocery bag.

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

Hold up the Bible and set the bag on the table.

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"Our true story from the Bible begins with Jesus standing on a mountain. Jesus took His friends up on a mountain after He came back because He had to tell them something very important.

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"Jesus told them that He had an important job for them to do. Jesus told His friends that He wanted them to tell EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

"Do you know what? He wants us to do that very important job, too! We can tell people that Jesus loves them and wants to b their friends forever. Right? Yes, we can. Let's practice.

Take the phone out of the bag.

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"We can call people to tell them. Let's call my friend, Aaron, and say, 'Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever.' Ready, go!"

Speak into the phone.

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever."

STORYTELLER: "Good job! Oh, look.

Hold up the grocery bag.

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"Can we tell the cashier at the grocery store? Yes, we can! Let's all tell him 'Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever.' Ready, go!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever."

STORYTELLER: "Wonderful. Okay, one more.

Hold up the playground ball.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 05)

"Can we tell our friends we play with at the park? We sure can! Let's tell our friends 'Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever.' Ready, go!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever."

STORYTELLER: "Way to go! That's the big, important job Jesus gave us to do. We can tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. So tell me, who wants to be your friend forever?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [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: "Yes, He does! Let's pray and ask God to help us do that!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus! We know that He is the best friend ever! Help us share the big news with everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thanks for listening everyone! See you later!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and shopping bag 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: "Hello, everyone! I hope you're ready because it's time for worship! 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 makes me happy. He makes me want to dance! Jesus is the VERY best friend. We've been singing this song all month long. Let's sing it out again with all we've got!

Lead children in singing "Very Best Friend," this month's worship song.

"Yes! Jesus is the BEST friend ever. He loves us with a never-stopping kind of love. In fact, we've been learning a verse all month long about Jesus' love. Let's say our verse and do the motions 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.)

"When we know how much Jesus loves us, we can love others, too! I know I want to love like Jesus. With Jesus' help, I can be a good, good friend. Let's sing this together!

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus."

"Jesus loves you and me. And we can share that love with others! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus wants to be my friend forever! 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.