



WEEK 2 - April 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Breakfast on the Beach • *John 21:1-14*

Memory Verse: "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

Ephesians 3:18, NIV

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

Make it Fun

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

.-Shore

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.

-I see Jesus
-Bean bag toss
- Fish Fry

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Shore

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

What You Need: Blue sheet or butcher paper, several plush friends, and a laundry basket

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the sheet or paper in the middle of the activity area as the water. Place the plush friends in the basket and place the basket in the middle of the sheet or paper to be a boat.

During the Activity: Invite the children to bring the plush friends to shore or the bare floor by working together and pushing it out of the water. Once the boat is on shore, ask the children to remove the friends and place them on the land. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Oh, no! We have friends in a boat in the middle of the water! Let's help them."

During the Activity: "Work together to push the boat to the shore. (*Point.*) When the boat is on shore, you can take the friends out and place them on dry land. (*Do activity.*)"

After the Activity: "Great job! You are great helpers! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about someone who helped get his friends on shore to have a picnic."

Transition: Move to Story and Worship by pretending to drive a boat as you move to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

What You Need: This month's worship song, "Very Best Friend."

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."

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.

"Great singing, friends! Jesus is the very best friend, and He loves you SO, so much. Remember, **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. I See Jesus!

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

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

What You Need: "Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Jesus" Activity Page on cardstock and tape it on a wall at preschooler level. Tape a large outline of a boat on the floor.

During the Activity: Invite all of the children to jump into the boat with you. Review the Bible story. When you "see Jesus," lead the children to jump out of the boat and run to the picture of Jesus on the wall. Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus went to see His friends. He made breakfast for them on the beach because He wanted them to know that He is alive and wants to be their friend forever.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm so happy you're here today! Follow me, and let's get inside this boat on the floor."

During the Activity: "In our Bible story today, Jesus' friends were fishing in a boat. They looked over to the sandy beach and saw someone. Look with me. (*Put hand over eyes and look towards the Jesus picture.*) It was their good friend, Jesus! Jesus is alive! They quickly got out of the boat and went to see Jesus. Follow me! (*Get out of the boat and run to the Jesus picture.*) Jesus' friends were so happy to see Him. Jesus made them breakfast on the beach. They all sat around and ate and talked. It was the best day ever!" (*Repeat.*)

After the Activity: "Jesus went to see His friends because He wanted them to know that He is alive and wants to be their friend forever. Jesus wants to be your friend forever, too. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

2. Bean Bag Basket

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: picnic basket and bean bags

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place basket open at one end of the activity area.

During the Activity: Have the children stand about five to six feet in front of the basket and take turns tossing the bean bags into the basket. Continue the activity until each child has a turn to toss the bean bags into the basket.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Jesus had a picnic on the beach with His friends today in our Bible story.”

During the Activity: “Let’s pretend to fill our picnic basket with food, too. (*Point.*) We can pretend that the bean bags are food, and we can toss them inside. (*Demonstrate.*) Let’s give everyone a try! (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “That was so much fun! Way to go! Jesus had a picnic with His friends, and He wants to be our friend, too! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to my friend forever!**”

3. Fish Fry

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: “Fish” and “Fish Fry Label” Activity Pages; cardstock; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; black dessert plates; large craft sticks; masking tape; scissors; glue sticks; and a white or silver marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Fish” onto cardstock and cut out, two per child. Copy “Fish Fry Label” on label paper, one per child. Write child’s name on the back of their plate.

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue the end of the craft stick to the back of their plate as a handle. Put a piece or two of masking tape to help hold it to the plate. Flip the plate over and glue the fish to the plate. Add the “Fish Fry Label” to the stick.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! Today we heard a story about Jesus and His friends, the disciples, having breakfast on the beach!”

During the Activity: “Let’s make a frying pan to cook up some fish. Turn your plate over and glue your craft stick to the back of your plate. (*Pause.*) Add some tape to help it stick to the plate. (*Pause.*) Great! Flip it back over and glue some fish to your plate. (*Pause.*) Now add the label to your stick. Look at that! You’re ready to fry fish for breakfast on the beach!”

After the Activity: “In our Bible story, when Jesus came back, He went to see His friends so He could spend time with them. The friends were out in the boat fishing when they saw Jesus standing on the shore. They were so excited to see Jesus that one of them jumped out of the boat and swam to shore! When all of the friends got to shore, Jesus was cooking breakfast for them. They all sat together, ate breakfast, and spent time together. Jesus loved His friends so much and wanted to show them that He would always be their friend, forever and ever. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever, too! **Who wants to be your friend forever?**
***[Bottom Line]* Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”**

