



WEEK 3 - April 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: Jesus taught us how to love one another.
Early Church • Acts 2:42-47

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

-Like

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.

-Tail Walk
-Freeze Dance
-Love for Others

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Like

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

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Ask the children to act LIKE they are doing different actions. Actions are: barking like a dog, meowing like a kitty, hopping like a bunny, jumping like a frog, and crawling like a baby. Be sure to use the word LIKE when asking the children to do each action.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I will tell you some fun things to do. Everyone, listen very closely so you will know what to do!"

During the Activity: "First, let's bark LIKE a dog! *(Pause.)* Nice job! Now, let's meow LIKE a kitty. *(Pause.)* Yay! Can you hop LIKE a bunny? *(Pause.)* Great! Let's jump LIKE a frog. *(Pause.)* Way to go! Lastly, let's crawl LIKE a baby. *(Pause.)* Whew! That was so much fun!"

After the Activity: "Great job! It was so much fun doing things like the animals and the baby. Today, we'll hear a Bible story about how we can love LIKE Jesus. Yay!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to walk LIKE a soldier and march to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE *(snack)*

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

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."

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Tail Walk

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

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

What You Need: "Tail Walk" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, and painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Tail Walk" on cardstock and cut out, one per small group. Tape a path all over the room. The path can zig zag and have curves. End your path next to a wall and tape the kite cutout at the bottom of the wall so it looks like the tape path is the tail of the kite.

During the Activity: Have the children start at the beginning of the path and say the memory verse as they walk. When they reach the kite, give everyone high fives. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "WOW! Our kite has a super long tail! Let's walk on the tail to get to the kite."

During the Activity: "While we walk, let's say our memory verse together. (*Do activity*). Great job! You made it to the kite! Woo-hoo! (*Give high fives.*) Let's do it again!"

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus loves us deep, high, wide, and long.

[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever?

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2. Freeze Dance

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: Music player and the monthly song, "Very Best Friend"

What You Do:

During the Activity: Play song and encourage the children dance to the music. Stop the music after about 30 seconds. Ask the children to freeze and say the Bottom Line. Restart the music and repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's dance together! When I stop the music, we can all freeze and say, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever!'" (*Do activity*).

After the Activity: "Friends, you have some awesome dance moves! Dancing with our friends is so much fun, and we can all be friends with Jesus! **Who wants to be your friend forever?**

[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

3. Love Others Like Jesus

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: “Love Others Like Jesus” Activity Page, cardstock, multi-colored happy face stickers, and a marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Love Others Like Jesus” on cardstock, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity: Give each child a sheet of happy face stickers. Encourage children to put a happy face sticker around Jesus on each child’s paper.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey, friends! Come over and sit with me. What makes you happy? *(Pause.)* Those are all great things! When you’re happy and you know it, what does your face do? *(Pause.)* You smile! Everyone gets some of these happy face stickers that we’ll share with each other.”

During the Activity: *(Hand out the happy face stickers.)* “Everyone gets some happy face stickers. When we love like Jesus, it makes us happy. Go to each friend’s paper and put one happy face sticker around the picture of Jesus. *(Pause.)* Make sure to put one sticker on each paper. *(Pause.)* Great job! Look at all those happy faces around Jesus!”

After the Activity: “In our Bible story, Jesus’s friends wanted to love people like Jesus loved them, so they shared! They were super-sharers and shared anything that people needed. Jesus’ friends spent lots of time together. They ate, talked, and laughed together. They also praised God. This showed everyone that they were friends with Jesus. We can share with our friends so they know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”