



WEEK 4 - April 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: I can tell others about Jesus.

Great Commission • *Matthew 28:16-20*

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

-Important Job

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.

-Measure of Love
-Tell
- Color the world

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Important Job

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

What You Need: Items in your activity area

This will vary depending on what you choose to do. You need several little jobs around the room that little people can help you do. Examples: Stack blocks, place crayons in a box, fold baby clothes, wash play dishes, and sweep floors.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Prepare the jobs you chose for the children to do.

During the Activity: Invite the children to do the jobs and tell them how important each job is.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I need help! I have important jobs for you to do today."

During the Activity: "I need help [job's name] and putting the [another job's name]! I really need someone to wash the dishes and fold baby clothes! These jobs are super important! Can you help me?" (*Pause and do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! You are great helpers! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about a very important job that Jesus wants us to do!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to sweep as you move to the story area. Tell the children that it is an important job.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

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

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!"

LEADER: "It's true. Jesus makes me happy. He makes me wanna 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.

“Jesus loves us with a never-stopping kind of love. And we can share that love with others! **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. Measure of Love

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

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: “Ruler” Activity Page, cardstock, heart stamps, red washable inkpads, scissors, wet wipes, and marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Ruler” Activity Page on cardstock and cut on dotted lines, one per child.

During the Activity: Have children stamp hearts all over the ruler.

After the Activity: Say the memory verse and Bottom Line together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Rulers are used to measure how wide, long, high, and deep something is. That makes me think of our memory verse which says, ‘How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.’”

During the Activity: “Let’s decorate a ruler with hearts to help us remember our amazing memory verse. Hearts mean love, and Jesus loves us so much. Stamp hearts all over your ruler. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends!”

After the Activity: “Let’s say our memory verse together. ‘How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,’ Ephesians 3:18. *(Repeat.)* Jesus loves us wide and long and high and deep. Jesus loves you and me and wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

2. Tell

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: Low step stool or small sturdy box

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the stool or box in the activity area.

During the Activity: Stand with each child as they step on the stool or box and shout the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: **[Bottom Line]** “Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Let’s tell everyone, just like in our Bible story today!”

During the Activity: “Let’s take turns standing on the stool and shouting **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Let’s tell everyone all about Jesus!” *(Do activity.)*

After the Activity: “That was so much fun! Jesus wants us to do an important job and tell everyone all about Him. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

3. Color the World

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: “Color the World” Activity Page, cardstock, water color paints, small bowls, paint brushes, water, and permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Color the World” on cardstock, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper. Put a small amount of water in each bowl.

During the Activity: Encourage children to paint their world.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey, friends! Tell me, who made the earth and everything in it? *(Pause.)* That’s absolutely right! God did! And God gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever.”

During the Activity: “Let’s paint a picture of the earth. Dip your brushes in the water then in the paint. Now paint your world. *(Pause.)* Cover the whole thing. *(Pause.)* You did a really nice job on your painting. Let’s set them aside to dry.”

After the Activity: “In our Bible story, Jesus told His friends He had a really important job for them to do. Jesus told them to go tell EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! Jesus wants us to do that same important job! We can tell everyone that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

