



PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a good friend to everyone.

FEEDING 5,000
MARK 6:31-44

MEMORY VERSE

“Come and follow me,
Jesus said.”

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can be friends with Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

Everyone can be friends with Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN’S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Matthew 4:19, NIRV. You need a music player and this month’s worship song, “Wherever He Goes,” which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for “Wherever He Goes” is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need “Everyone Everywhere,” which is available on the *Very Big Things* album, iTunes®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, friends! Are you ready to worship? Let’s stand up and sing about Jesus! He’s the BEST friend ever. **Who can be friends with Jesus?**”

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: “**Everyone can be friends with Jesus.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! **Everyone can be friends with Jesus.** We can follow Him wherever He goes. Sing this with me!”

Lead children in singing “Wherever He Goes,” this month’s worship song.

“Did you know that Jesus wants to be (*point to children*) your friend and (*point to self*) **Jesus wants to be my friend forever?** It’s true! **Everyone can be friends with Jesus.**”

“The Bible teaches us that “Come and follow me,” Jesus said,’ Matthew 4:19. Say it with me. “Come (*motion towards self*) and follow me,” (*march*) Jesus said,’ (*hands around mouth*) Matthew 4:19. (*Open hands like a book.*)”

“Great job! Jesus is the BEST friend. He loves everyone, everywhere! One more time, **who can be friends with Jesus?**”

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: “**Everyone can be friends with Jesus.**”

Lead children in singing “Everyone Everywhere.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!”



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Flip flops for the Host, trunk from previous weeks, and hiking boots

WHAT YOU DO: Place the hiking boots in the trunk and preset it in the storytelling area.

The Host walks out, smiling.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO excited! Do you want to know WHY I'm so excited? (Pause.) It's because I'm about to go on a BIG hike and pick blueberries today with my friends! I'm all ready to go except . . . I can't go hiking in flip flops!"

Hold up one foot and shake it around.

"I hope they'll be something in here that will work better."

Rummage inside trunk and pull out the hiking boots.

"Ta-da! These will work. We're picking blueberries, and they're going to be SO yummy. There are SO many things you can make with them. Like blueberry muffins. Oh, and blueberry pancakes. With extra syrup. So, so yummy. There's blueberry yogurt. Yummo! These blueberry treats will taste so good. I can't wait to eat them all. Now that I have the right shoes, I'm all set. See ya later, friends."

The Host exits with the hiking boots.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, lunch sack, and a picnic basket; *Optional Story Images*

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible, lunch sack and picnic basket.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to share a totally true story from the Bible. Do you want to hear it? If you do, yell, 'Tell me a story!'"

CHILDREN: "Tell me a story!"

STORYTELLER: "You got it! Today's true story from the Bible begins on a beach. Jesus and His friends had been working really hard, and they were tired. Everybody, yawn with me like you're SO sleepy. (Yawn big.) Oh, so tired. Good job."

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"Jesus and His friends had planned to rest, but when they got to land, a HUGE crowd of people was there."

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)



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"There were more than five thousand people, and they ALL wanted to see Jesus and hear Him teach. Do you think Jesus taught the people? (Pause.) Of course! Because Jesus is a good friend to everyone. Jesus taught for a long time, and everyone got hungry. That's a lot of growling tummies!

"Jesus' friends, the disciples, told Jesus to send the people away so they could eat. But Jesus said to the disciples, 'You feed them.' The disciples didn't know how to feed everyone! There were SO many people. So Jesus told the disciples to go see how much food they could find. When the disciples came back, they had only one small lunch.

Hold up the lunch sack.

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"Do you know what was in that lunch? Only five small loaves of bread. Can you count to five with me?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One, two, three, four, five!"

STORYTELLER: "You've got it. Along with those five loaves there were two fish. Can you count to two with me?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One, two."

STORYTELLER: "Great counting. They had five small loaves of bread and two fish. Is that enough to feed five thousand people?"

Hold up the lunch sack again.

"Does one small lunch seem like enough to feed thousands of people? (Pause.)

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"Jesus took the food and prayed. He thanked God for the food they had.

Pick up the picnic basket and mimic passing out food.

"Then, Jesus told the disciples to pass out the food to everyone. So they did. And do you know what happened? Everyone got food. The people ate, and no one was hungry! That's amazing. Jesus fed everyone with just five loaves and two fish. Jesus made sure EVERYONE had food. Jesus was a good friend to everyone. And everyone can be friends with Jesus. Isn't that awesome news? **Who can be friends with Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**Everyone can be friends with Jesus!**"

STORYTELLER: "**Who can be friends with Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**Everyone can be friends with Jesus!**"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, everyone! Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for Jesus. We know You sent Jesus to be our friend forever. We are so thankful that everyone can be friends with Jesus?. You are awesome God, and we love You so, so much. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Great job. Bye, friends!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and props.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Hiking boots from Intro Sketch and a pail of blueberries

Host enters wearing the hiking boots and carrying the pail of blueberries.

HOST: "That was amazing! Jesus used just two fish and five loaves of bread to feed SO MANY people! Jesus is a good friend to everyone and **Everyone can be friends with Jesus.** I think I got the story. If you got it say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

STORYTELLER: "Good! I know! I'm going to make something with my blueberries that I can share with everyone. See ya later, everyone!"

Host exits with the blueberries while waving to the children.