



WEEK
FOUR
APRIL 2022

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH JOHN 21:1-14

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, 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 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 28:20, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "We Are Friends," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "We Are Friends" is on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "My Forever Friend," which is on the Very Big Things album, iTunes®, Spotify®, or OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Friends, I'm SO glad to see you today. Did you know that God loves you SO much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be your friend forever? It's true! There is no better friend than Jesus. **Who wants to be your friend forever?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He does! I know He loves me. Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "We Are Friends," this month's worship song.

"I love that song! Jesus is there, no matter what. The Bible teaches us that Jesus said, 'I am with you always,' Matthew 28:20. Say it with me!"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "'I am (point up) with you (thumbs to chest) always,' (spread arms out) Matthew 28:20." (Open hand like a book.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "There is no friend like Jesus. He'll never, ever leave me, and that's one BIG reason to sing. Let's worship Him and dance and sing together.

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

"Jesus is my forever friend, this I know for sure. One more time, **who wants to be your friend forever?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, basket, paper plate, jar of peanut butter, jar of jelly, bread, and two knives;
Optional sunflower butter instead of peanut butter, depending on allergies

WHAT YOU DO: Place paper plate, peanut butter, jelly, bread, and knives inside the basket. Preset the table in your storytelling area.

Host enters, carrying the basket.

HOST: "Hi, everyone! Welcome to [your environment's name]! It's me, [your name]. I am so excited to be here!"

Place the basket on the floor by the table.

"I had a great idea to surprise my friends and make them breakfast today. It's just . . . well . . . the only food I know how to make is a sandwich. Sandwiches are okay for breakfast, right? (Pause.) I have [peanut or sunflower] butter.

Put the peanut butter on the table.

"And what goes together with peanut butter? Shout it out! (Pause.) Yes!

Hold up the jelly then set it beside the peanut butter.

"Jelly! Peanut butter and jelly go together. Would you like to help me make one of the sandwiches? (Pause.) Great! First, I need two pieces of . . .

Hold up the bread and wait for the children to say "Bread."

"That's right! Bread!"

Put the paper plate on the table then two pieces of bread on the plate.

"Now I just scoop out some peanut butter and spread it on the bread. Pretend to spread the peanut butter with me. Take your hand and go back and forth, like this.

Spread the peanut butter back and forth on one slice of bread.

"There. Now I'll scoop out some jelly and spread it on the other piece of bread. Pretend to spread the jelly with me, like this.

Spread the jelly back and forth on the other slice of bread.

"Now all I have to do is stick the two pieces together. Pretend to put your two pieces together, like this.

Hold up the two pieces and put them together.

"Look! We made a peanut butter and jelly sandwich! My friends will be so excited! I can't wait to give them their surprise breakfast."



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"You know, our Bible story today is about a surprise breakfast. I can't wait for you to hear all about it! See you later!"

Host puts everything in the basket then exits with the basket.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table from Intro Sketch, Bible, toy fish, and toy bread; *Optional Story Images*

Storyteller enters, carrying Bible, toy fish, and toy bread.

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

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.

"[Host's name] is right. Today's story is about a surprise breakfast, but they didn't eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. No, they ate . . . *(hold up the toy fish and toy bread)* fish and bread. Would you like to hear the story? *(Pause.)* I can't hear you! Would you like to hear the story? *(Pause.)* Great!

Lay the fish and bread on the table by the Bible.

"Okay, our story begins after Easter. Do you remember how Easter started out sad? Jesus died and was put in a tomb. It was very, very sad. Show me your sad face, like this. *(Demonstrate.)*

"Now tell me, did Jesus stay in the tomb? *(Pause.)* No!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Jesus came back, just like He said He would! Jesus is alive! Say that with me."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive!"

STORYTELLER: "Again!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive!"

STORYTELLER: "He sure is!

"Well, soon after Jesus came back, some of Jesus' friends were fishing in a boat. While they fished, they looked out and . . . guess who they saw. *(Pause.)* Yes! They saw Jesus standing on the beach!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"They were so excited to see their friend Jesus. Show me your excited face, like this! *(Demonstrate.)*

"Yes! That's what they looked like—so excited! In fact, one of Jesus' friends was so excited that he jumped in the water and swam to Jesus. Pretend to swim like this.



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Do a swimming motion with arms.

"You can stop swimming now.

"When Jesus' friends got to the beach, they saw a fire with fish (*hold up fish*) and bread (*hold up bread*) cooking on it. Jesus told them to have breakfast. Jesus had made His friends a surprise breakfast!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

Set fish and bread back on the table.

"Everyone was so happy to be with their good friend Jesus, again. Show me your happy face, like this!
(Demonstrate.)

"They knew Jesus loved them and would always be their friend, forever and ever. And there's more good news! Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever, too—forever and ever! That is the best news EVER! Jesus is alive, and He wants to be your friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

STORYTELLER: "Louder! Who wants to be your friend forever?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

STORYTELLER: "Yay, Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for letting us hear how Jesus made a special breakfast for His friends. It shows us how much Jesus loves us and that He will truly always be with us, forever and ever. I pray that each person here will choose to follow Jesus so He will be their friend forever, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

"That's all of our story for today. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible, toy fish, and toy bread.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

The Host enters, smiling.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus made a special breakfast for His friends. They knew Jesus would be their friend forever. Jesus wants to be our friend forever, too. I think I got the story. Did you get it? (Pause.) If you did, give me two thumbs-up (hold up two thumbs) and say, 'Got it!' (Pause.) Get it?"

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! You know, peanut butter and jelly go together; but the best things that go together are my friend Jesus and me. See you next time! Bye!"

The Host exits, waving and smiling at the children.