



WEEK
FOUR
JULY 2024

SMALL GROUP
2 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. FOREVER AND EVER

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Stand in a circle with the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children in doing various motions and movements. Pretend to try to do the movement or motion forever, then stop and remind the children that we can't do anything forever.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come with me over here. Let's stand in a big circle."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's play a game, and you do what I say and do. Ready? Let's pat our heads like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Keep patting. Keep patting. Friends, keep it up! Don't stop! (*Pause.*) Okay, I'm tired, I have to stop! I can't pat my head FOREVER! Hmm, maybe we can . . . HOP forever! (*Start hopping.*) Come on friends, let's hop! Keep going! Don't stop! Whew, okay, I can't keep going! I have to stop! (*Continue with different motions, i.e.: clapping, stomping feet, patting your belly, etc.*) Wow, friends! That was fun, but really hard trying to do something forever!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We know we can't pat our heads or hop forever, but today in our Bible Story, we'll hear how Jesus is getting a place ready where we can be with Him forever! Let's go hear all about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by continuing different motions from the activity for as long as you can.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

HEAVEN
REVELATION 21, 22:1-5;
JOHN 14:3

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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3. FREEZE DANCE PARTY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player and this month's music

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in the open activity area.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

HEAVEN
REVELATION 21, 22:1-5;
JOHN 14:3

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to dance to the music, then freeze and say the Bottom Line.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me over here. Let's have a dance party!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Okay friends, (*start the music*) dance! (*Pause the music.*) **Jesus gives me joy!** Say it with me! **Jesus gives me joy!** (*Start the music.*) Everybody, dance! (*Repeat as desired.*) Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Dance parties are so much fun! It's sad when they have to end. But when we get to heaven with Jesus, we don't have to stop our dancing and singing. We get to sing and dance forever. Tell me friends: **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** One more time! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** Great job!"

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an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



1. BRING THE GOOD NEWS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bring the Good News Label" and "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Pages, Avery® Labels #5163 or equivalent, Avery® Labels #5294 or equivalent, envelopes, washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Bring the Good News Label" on label paper, one label per child. Copy "Memory Verse Sticker" on label paper, four stickers per child. Remove the border of the label paper and pre-cut individual stickers. Write each child's name on their envelope. Teach the Memory Verse Hand Motions.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their envelope with markers, then add the label to the front. Give children three stickers to put in their envelope to give to others. Say the verse with the motions one more time, and give each child a sticker for saying the verse with you.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, join me over here. I have so much joy knowing that Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Let's say our Memory Verse together with the motions. 'I bring you (*move upward-facing palms to one side*) good news (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) of great joy (*brush flat hands upward twice*) that will be for all the people,' (*arms out wide*) Luke 2:10. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit at the table. We're learning that Jesus loves us and gives us joy because He wants to be our friend forever. We can tell others and share the joy that Jesus wants to be everyone's friend forever! Use the markers to decorate your envelope. (*Pause.*) Stick this label on the front of your envelope. (*Pause.*) Now let's count—one, two, three stickers. Everyone gets three Memory Verse stickers to put in your envelope. You can give these to people to let them know that Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

"Now, let's say our verse one more time with the motions. 'I bring you (*move upward-facing palms to one side*) good news (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) of great joy (*brush flat hands upward twice*) that will be for all the people,' (*arms out wide*) Luke 2:10. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! Here is a sticker for you!" (*Put a sticker on each child.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus is in a place called heaven right now, getting it ready for all of His friends. It will be like a party that never ends! We will have joy all of the time because we will be with our friend Jesus, and Jesus gives us joy! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.** Let's say that one more time, friends. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy."**

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