



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a good friend when I am **excited**.

JESUS HEALS TEN MEN
LUKE 17:11-16

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you all the time."

PROVERBS 17:17, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who is always a good friend?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is always a good friend.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

- Moving Ten
- Connect Emotions
- Bye-Bye Boo-Boo

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"My Friend Forever" and "Best Friend"

- Bible Story
- Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

- How Do You Feel?
- Roll the Story
- Rain Cloud Experiment 
- Sign Thank You
- Excited to Thank You
- Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Going Home
- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
- Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning



3. BYE-BYE BOO-BOO

WHAT YOU NEED: Large piece of butcher paper, washable marker, red pom-poms, and preschool tongs

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Draw an outline of a gingerbread/person on the butcher paper. Lay the paper on the floor or the table. Add red pom-poms to the person.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to use the tongs to remove the boo-boos from the person.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Look friends, I have a drawing of a person, and he is covered in these red pom-poms. I want us to imagine that these are boo-boos. There are so many boo-boos on this sad, sick man."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Can you help this man with the boo-boos? Yes! We can help him. Let's use these tongs to grab a boo-boo and take it away. Ready, and go! (Pause.) Grab one at a time. (Pause.) Yay, we got all the boo-boos." (Reset and repeat as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It was fun to imagine helping someone with so many boo-boos. We can't really do that, but Jesus can! And in our story today, we'll learn how Jesus helped men with lots of boo-boos!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by cheering for Jesus after He has made someone's boo-boos all better.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. HOW DO YOU FEEL?

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather in your activity area, and say the Memory Verse and motions together.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children to say the verse while showing different emotions. Name a new emotion (*excited, silly, sad, surprised, afraid, mad, happy*) for each repetition.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you all the time."

PROVERBS 17:17, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come gather here with me! We're learning a great Memory Verse this month! Let's say it together. 'A friend (*hook index fingers twice*) loves you (*cross arms over chest*) all the time,' (*tap wrist*) Proverbs 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! Jesus is such a good friend, and He loves us all the time."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our Memory Verse with some emotion. Can you say it like you're happy? Okay, say it with me. 'A friend loves you all the time,' Proverbs 17:17. That was great! This time let's say it like you're mad. (*Continue with the different emotions.*) Fantastic job, everyone!"

KEY QUESTION

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "One more time with the motions. 'A friend (*hook index fingers twice*) loves you (*cross arms over chest*) all the time,' (*tap wrist*) Proverbs 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) If you're happy or sad or excited or afraid, Jesus is a good friend. **Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? Jesus is always a good friend!**"

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4. SIGN THANK YOU

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Sign Thank You" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Sign Thank You" on cardstock, one per Small Group. Tape to the wall at child's height.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Teach children how to say "thank you" in sign language by touching your fingertips to your chin and then moving your hand forward. Encourage children to run to the picture of Jesus and sign: "thank You." Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you all the time."

PROVERBS 17:17, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me over here. Today we're going to run and tell Jesus 'thank You' in a very special way."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to say 'thank you' in sign language. Let me show you how. Touch your chin with the fingertips on one hand like this (*demonstrate*) then straighten your arm out in front of you like this. (*Demonstrate.*)

"Okay, let's practice that part. 'Thank you!' (*Touch fingertips to chin, then move hand forward.*) Great job! Now, let's learn how to say: Jesus. (*Tap right middle finger in left palm, then tap left middle finger in right palm.*) Ready to try? 'Jesus!' (*Tap right middle finger in left palm, then tap left middle finger in right palm.*) Fantastic! Now let's put it all together. 'Thank You, (*touch fingertips to chin, then move hand forward*) Jesus!' (*Tap right middle finger in left palm, then tap left middle finger in right palm.*)

"I think we're ready to run tell Jesus: 'Thank You!' On the count of three, let's run to Jesus. One, two, three! (*Pause.*) 'Thank You, (*touch fingertips to chin then move hand forward*) Jesus!' (*Tap right middle finger in left palm, then tap left middle finger in right palm.*) Let's go back and do it again! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was exciting seeing you tell Jesus: 'Thank You!'"

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is always a good friend.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus was a good friend to the sick men in our story, and Jesus is a good friend to you and me too, because **Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? Jesus is always a good friend.**"

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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Proverbs 17:17. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

Encourage the children to skip with excited faces as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Memory Verse and Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of things that make them feel excited.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

KEY QUESTION

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today, we're going to skip with excited faces, like this! (*Make an excited face.*) Show me your excited face! (*Pause.*) Wow! You look so excited! Keep that excited face and skip with me! (*Skip with an excited face as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)"

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is always a good friend.

"And . . . stop! We're here! Thank you for skipping with me! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BASIC TRUTH

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, ten men asked Jesus for help. Why did the men need Jesus to help them? (*Pause for response.*) You're right! The men had boo-boos all over their skin. What did Jesus do? (*Pause for response.*) Jesus made their boo-boos all better! One of the men was so excited that he ran back to tell Jesus: 'Thank You!' Jesus was a good friend to the men when they were sad and had boo-boos on their skin, and Jesus was a good friend when one of the men was so excited that he ran back to tell Jesus: 'Thank You!' Wow! **Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? Jesus is always a good friend!**"



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"And the Bible verse we're learning talks about how a good friend loves you all the time. It says, 'A friend (*hook index fingers twice*) loves you (*cross arms over chest*) all the time,' (*tap wrist*) Proverbs 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'A friend (*hook index fingers twice*) loves you (*cross arms over chest*) all the time,' (*tap wrist*) Proverbs 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) You sound great! Way to go! (*Give fist bumps.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

"Today we're going to make a list of things that make us feel excited in our journal. I get excited about things like opening presents, or when my dog is happy to see me, or when I get to spend time with my friends. It can be anything that makes you have a face like this! (*Make an excited face.*) So, when I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you feel excited, and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Reading this list makes me feel excited! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use our list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for all of the things that make us feel excited, like (*read the list the children made*) . . . and Jesus! Yes, knowing that **Jesus is always a good friend** is the most exciting thing ever! We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."