



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH JOHN 21:1-14

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive forever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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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.

- Fish on a Frying Pan
- Feed the Disciples
- Imaginary Boat

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- "Happy Day" and "You Are with Me"
- 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.

- Breakfast Time
- Story Creations 
- Friend to Friend
- Happy Dance!
- Breakfast with Jesus
- 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.



PRELUDE

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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. FEED THE DISCIPLES

WHAT YOU NEED: "Feed the Disciples," and "Food for the Disciples" Activity Pages; cardstock; plastic spoons; scissors; and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Feed the Disciples" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Fold each paper

to create a base, and line the disciples on one side of the table. Tape the bases of each picture to the table to secure. Copy "Food for the Disciples" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Place all the items on the opposite side of the table with the spoons.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Point to the disciples at the table. Ask children to pick up a cutout with their spoon (*or pick up one cutout and place it on their spoon*). If it's a food item, encourage them to take it to one of the disciples and feed them. If it's not a food item, encourage them to put it back on the table and select again. Repeat until the disciples have been fed all the food items. Continue until each child has had a turn to feed the disciples. If you run out of items before each child has a turn, move the items you've fed to the disciples back to the opposite side of the table. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand here at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Do you see the disciples at the table? The disciples were friends of Jesus. They look hungry! Should we feed them? (*Pause.*) I think we should too! Look! There are spoons and some things we can feed them. [Child's name's], come pick up a spoon, and pick a cutout. (*Pause.*) Is your item food or not food? (*Pause.*) Put the food on your spoon, and go feed one of the disciples. (*Pause.*) Oh, that isn't a food item, is it? Put it down and pick another item. (*Pause.*) Great job! Let's pass the spoons to our other friends so they can have a turn." (*Continue with each child. Reset and repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, we'll hear about a time when the disciples were hungry and Someone very special made a meal right on the beach for them. Come with me!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out different foods for the children to pretend to eat.

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



1. BREAKFAST TIME

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Breakfast Time" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, clear tape, and a permanent marker

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: Copy "Breakfast Time" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each child's paper as indicated. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions with the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their picture. Then, help fold together and tape the tab to secure.

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come stand with me, and let's say our verse together as we do the motions. 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's do it one more time. 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Sit down at the table, and let's make something to put on your table at home. Tell me: Who is that on your paper? (*Pause.*) Yes! That's a picture of Jesus! And the words underneath are our Memory Verse. Color your picture. Then I'll help you put it all together. (*Pause.*) Great, now we'll fold it together to make a triangle like this, and put some tape on the edge, so it stays together. (*Pause.*) Super-duper! See how it stands up? You can put Jesus on your table at home so you can have breakfast with Jesus."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus went away and came back—just like He said He would. Jesus came back and wanted to show His friends how much He loved them, so Jesus made breakfast on the beach for them. Let's all celebrate that **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"



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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. FRIEND TO FRIEND
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children to stand together in an open area in your room.

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BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH
JOHN 21:1-14

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Explain that when they hear you say, "friend to friend" they should move to stand next to a friend/partner. Be prepared to help with this to assure that every child has a partner. Once children are partnered up, give them a direction like "elbow to elbow." This is their cue to match the body parts you call out. After each pair has followed your direction, say "friend to friend" again as children find new partners. Continue in the same way, giving one of the directives from the list below as time and interest allow.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

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WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand here with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's play a game! When I say, 'friend to friend,' I want you to find a friend and stand next to them. Ready? Friend to friend! (Pause.) Knee to knee! Put your knee together with your friend's knee. (Pause.) Great job! Friend to friend! (Pause.) Find a different friend! (Pause.) Hand to hand! (Continue with different directives: elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand, back to back, toes to toes, hip to hip, cheek to cheek, etc.) You did a lot of fun things with your friends today!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Tell me, who is the BEST friend ever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! Who wants to be your friend forever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! **Jesus is alive** forever and will be your friend forever! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"

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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, a fun-shaped pen, and stickers/handstamp

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BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you don't 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 Revelation 1:18.

Encourage the children to pretend to swim as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then encourage children to help you make a list in the journal of what they like to eat for breakfast.

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're swimming to our Small Group spot. Come on, everyone! Swim with me! (Pretend you're swimming as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Whew! We made it! Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, Peter was so excited about seeing Jesus that he jumped in the water and swam to Jesus! Do you remember what Peter and the other disciples found when they got to Jesus? (Pause.) That's right! Jesus was cooking breakfast for them. It was such a happy day because they knew **Jesus is alive!** And we can have a happy day because we know **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"



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"Yes, **Jesus is alive** forever and ever. Jesus even told us that He is alive forever and ever in the Bible verse we've been learning. It says, 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*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! 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Wow! You sound like you're ready to try and say that verse by yourself! I want everyone to sit down, and we'll take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? I have my stickers/handstamp ready! Way to go, [child's name]! (*Give two thumbs-up.*) Here is a sticker/stamp for you! (*Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.*) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/stamp. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since Jesus made breakfast for His disciples, I thought we could make a list in our journal of things we like to eat for breakfast, and then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one thing you like to eat for breakfast, 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: "This list is making me hungry! (*Hold up journal.*) 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 foods like (*read the list the children made*). We really like eating them for breakfast. More than anything, we want to thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever and ever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."