

3-5's | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Breakfast on the Beach • John 21:1-14

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Carry the Food
Hot Potato
Sand and Water

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Keepy Uppy
Picasso Bible Story
Picnic with Jesus
Friend, Friend, Forever!
Party in a Bag
Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

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

*Allergy Alert



Bible Story

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Bottom Line

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Memory Verse

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11 min

Worship

3 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I am so happy to see you today!"

"It's time to celebrate! (*Pat legs.*) Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray! Can you do that with me?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Again!"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! When we come to worship, we are celebrating God and His Son, Jesus. God made everything—(*make a mountain peak over your head with your arms*) the big, tall mountains ... (*make a fish with your hands*) the fish that swim in the deep, blue sea ... (*point to children*) even you! God made every single person. That is definitely something to celebrate. Let's celebrate God by saying (*pat legs*) 'hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!' Ready?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "And (*point up*) God (*cross arms over chest*) loves us so much He gave us Jesus, His only Son. Let's celebrate again. Ready?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "And here is something else we can celebrate: Jesus wants to be our friend forever. He wants to help us be friends with God! Let's say 'hip, hip, hooray' one more time."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's continue celebrating Jesus."

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)**What You Need**

No supplies needed

SONG: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some words from the Bible. These are words that Jesus said. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

"I (*point up*) have called you (*point to others*) friends" (*hook index fingers twice*) John 15:15 (*open hands like a book*).

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job! Jesus calls us friends, and He wants us to follow Him. Let's sing one more song together.

SONG: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!"

SONG: "I've Got a Friend" is available on store.thinkorange.com.

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

SONG: "My Forever Friend" is available on store.thinkorange.com.

"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

👤 Toy sand shovel or other sand toy	1
👤 Beachball, inflated	1
👤 Lunchbox	1
👤 Toy food or drink item	1
👤 Tote bag to hold all the props	1

What You Do:

- Put the toy food or drink item inside the lunchbox.
- Put the toy sand shovel (or other sand toy), inflated beachball, and lunchbox inside the tote bag.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries the prepared tote bag.

HOST: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"Have you ever been to a beach? (*Listen.*) Let's make some waves like you see at the beach. Everybody, say: (*Wave your arms up and down together like a wave.*) 'Splish-splash!'"

CHILDREN and HOST: (*Wave your arms up and down together like a wave.*) "Splish-splash! Splish-splash!"

HOST: "Splashing in the water with friends is so much fun, but that's not all you can do at the beach. What can you do with this?"

Take the sand shovel/toy from the tote, and show it to the children. Demonstrate how to use the sand shovel/toy.

"It's a [sand shovel]. You can play in the sand with friends and build a big sandcastle. What about this?"

Take the beach ball from the tote, and show it to the children. Toss it in the air and catch it.

"It's a beachball. Who likes to play with beachballs? (*Listen.*) Yes, you can play with beachballs with your friends at the beach.

"It's fun to play at the beach, but I can think of one more thing you can do at the beach.

Take the lunchbox out of the tote, and show it to the children. Open it and take out a toy food/drink item.

"You can have a picnic on the beach! Eating with our friends can be so fun.

"Friends can do so many things together. That's what makes friendship so special! We share stories, games, and even snacks. And in today's Bible Story, Jesus is a really good friend to Peter in such a wonderful way, and it all starts on a boat near a beach. Get ready to throw your fishing nets! I'll see you after the Bible Story."

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story (live)

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Campfire prop	1
 Wheelbarrow	1
 Plush animals, enough to fill the wheelbarrow	1
 Plastic trash bag or tarp to line the wheelbarrow	1
 Bulky blanket(s)	1
 Cardboard	1
 Blue posterboard	1
 Latex balloons in a variety of colors	1
 Fishing net	1
 Utility knife	1
 Permanent marker	1
 Tape	1
 Option: Cardstock	1

What You Do:

- Draw waves on blue posterboard and cut it out.
- Draw a large boat shape from the cardboard and cut it out.
- Tape the blue waves on the long handle of the wheelbarrow to hide the wheel and most of the handlebar.
- Tape the boat shape on the side of a wheelbarrow, overlapping the waves a bit.
- *Note: If children will see both sides of the wheelbarrow, create waves and a boat shape for both sides.*
- Line the wheelbarrow with plastic trash bags or a tarp to prevent the blankets and plush animals from getting dirty.
- Put the bulky blanket(s) on top of the plastic trash bag.
- Put the plush animals on top of the blanket(s). (The blanket(s) will prop up the plush animals so the children can see them.)
- Inflate latex balloons to make small fish, enough to fill your fishing net.
- Draw eyes on the fish balloons.
- Tape one fish balloon on a plate.
- Put the rest of the fish balloons inside the fishing net and tie the net closed.
- Add a piece of bread or toy bread next to the fish on the plate.
- Place the prepared plate and the campfire prop on side of the storytelling area.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

There is a campfire prop and a plate with a prepared fish balloon and a piece of bread on one side of the storytelling area.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and pushes the wheelbarrow boat.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible found in the book of John.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's Bible Story begins with Jesus' friends, the disciples. The disciples had been sad because Jesus died, but Jesus came back just like He said He would.

SLIDE: Story Image W2 01 (Disciples fishing)

"One night, the disciples got into a boat and went fishing on the lake. Can you pretend to throw out your fishing net?"

Hold up your fingers as you count.

"One ... two ... three ... throw!"

Pretend to throw a fishing net into the water.

"Again! One ... two ... three ... throw!"

Pretend to throw a fishing net into the water.

"All through the dark night, the disciples threw their nets into the water. But they did not catch a single fish!"

SLIDE: Story Image W2 02 (Jesus on the beach)

"Early in the morning, they saw a Man standing on the shore. It was Jesus! But the disciples did not recognize Him at first.

Cup hands around mouth as if calling from a distance.

*He called out to them, 'Friends, don't you have any fish?'
'No,' they answered. (John 21:5 NIV)*

"Then Jesus told them:

"Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish" (John 21:6 NIV).

SLIDE: Story Image W2 03 (Disciples fish on the other side of the boat)

"And when they did, they caught so many fish that the net was too full to pull into the boat!"

"Do you want to hear something amazing? One of the disciples was named Peter, and when Peter first met Jesus, the same thing happened! This wasn't the first time! When it happened the first time, Peter had been fishing all night and didn't catch any fish, but when he put out his nets like Jesus said, he caught SO MANY fish! And when Peter followed Jesus's instructions again, he caught a bunch of fish this time too!"

"Everybody, make a fish with your hands and swim your fish toward me.

Make a fish with your hands and swim your fish forward.

"Oh, that's a lot of fish!"

"Another disciple named John remembered this and knew the Man on the beach must be Jesus! Peter was so excited that he jumped right out of the boat and swam to shore!"

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's pretend to swim to Jesus like Peter.

Pretend to swim.

"You are such good pretend swimmers!

"Peter swam to the shore, and the disciples followed in the boat, pulling the heavy net full of fish.

SLIDE: Story Image W2 04 (Breakfast on the beach)

"When they reached the shore, they saw that Jesus had made a fire and cooked some bread and fish. Jesus is God's Son, and He made breakfast for His friends! He wanted to spend time with them, so they ate breakfast together on the beach.

"Jesus (*cross arms over chest*) loves us so much that He wants to spend time with us, too, because Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Jesus wants to be your friend forever, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever?"**

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

STORYTELLER: "Let's say, (*pat legs*) 'Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!' for our friend Jesus. Ready?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

Pick up and close Bible.

STORYTELLER: **[Transition]** "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for our friend, Jesus. Thank You that He loves us and that He came to rescue us so we can be friends forever. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus made breakfast on the beach for His friends, the disciples. Jesus was such a good friend to the disciples, and Jesus wants to be your friend too. Jesus wants to be your friend forever, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever?"**

CHILDREN and HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN and HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

"Let's say, (*pat legs*) 'Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!' for our friend Jesus. Ready?"

CHILDREN and HOST: (*Pat legs.*) "Hip, hip, (*throw arms in the air*) hooray!"

Getting Ready | 3-5's Stage Large Group

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship, the Intro Sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

APlay

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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God (10 minutes)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways (10 minutes)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

1. Worship

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "I've Got a Friend"—available on store.thinkorange.com
- "My Forever Friend"—available on store.thinkorange.com

Optional Videos (available for purchase):

- "I've Got a Friend" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on store.thinkorange.com
- "My Forever Friend" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on store.thinkorange.com

What You Do:

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
- Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

2. Intro/Outro

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3. Bible Story**What You Need:**

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- Utility knife
- Permanent marker
- Tape
- *Option: Cardstock*

Large Group Visuals:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with the *Wonder!* video so you can plug and play the way you need to each week. *Wonder! Look at God's Story* offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Treehouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story.

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First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.
bit.ly/FL_HipHipHooray

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8. Blue posterboard	1
9. Latex balloons in a variety of colors	1
10. Fishing net	1
11. Utility knife	1
12. Permanent marker	1
13. Tape	1
14. Option: Cardstock	1