

The truth is, we don't all have the skills to hit home runs or run fast. And that's okay. What's not okay is being unwanted. Thankfully, for all of us, Jesus wants EVERYONE on His team! Jesus wants everyone everywhere to follow Him and be His friend forever. No matter what we can do or can't do, what we have done, what we look like, or where we live, Jesus is alive and He wants to be our friend...FOREVER! And that kind of Good News makes us all want to say, "GO TEAM!"

## **MEMORY VERSE**

I have called you friends. John 15:15

# **Bottom Line**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever

## Go Team

## Week 1

The woman at the well John 4:1-30 Jesus wants to be friends with everyone, everywhere.

## Week 2

Follow Me Matthew 9:9-12; Luke 5:1-11 Jesus wants everyone to follow him.

## Week 3

Washing Feet John 13:3-17 Jesus is a good friend.

## Week 4

Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16 We can celebrate Jesus!

## Week 5

Easter Matthew 26:26-28:10 Jesus is Alive

# **GO TEAM**

Preschool Week 4

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW

We can celebrate Jesus. As Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, the people are so excited that they lay palm branches and coats on the road to make a special path for Jesus while they cheer and shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!" The people waved their palm branches in the air and celebrated Jesus. And we can celebrate Jesus today and every day because Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

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## **BIBLE TRUTH**

Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16

## CIRCLE TIME

Palms

#### NOTES

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides. Assign a volunteer to show slides.
- This month you will be doing a live intro from stage and the Bible story will be on video

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 4

- 1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
- 2. Room Rules
- 3. Worship
- 4. Friend Around the World
- 5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
  - a. GO TEAM
- 6. Bible Lesson Video: Palm Sunday
- 7. Application
  - a. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
  - b. "I have called you friends" John 15:15
- 8. Prayer
- 9. Big Group Game:

#### LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

1. Small Groups: 15 minutes

## End on the hour

## WELCOME

Welcome boys and girls. I'm so glad you're here! Before we get started with today's lesson, let's review our room rules so that we can have a fun day!

## RULES

## Show Graphic: Preschool Rules

Let's put on our moose antlers and call our friend Dan-o to help us. (Thumbs on either side of your head with fingers splayed.) Daaaaaan-oooooo! (Have kids participate as you do motions.)

- The first rule is: be a friend! (Give yourself a hug as you say the rule.)
- Rule number two is be safe! (Do baseball gesture for safe.)
- The next rule is: be a good listener! (Cup your ears.)
- Rule number four is: take care of the room and the toys! (Shake your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.) Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship.

### WORSHIP

Ok, let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing so we can let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Praise the Lord Everyday

Show Worship: King of Me

FATW: SEE EXCERPT ON STAND

#### INTRO

### Show Series Graphic: GO TEAM

Today's true story from the Bible starts in the town of Jerusalem when people find out that *(excited)* Jesus was coming! The people were so excited that Jesus was coming! Turn to your neighbor and with your best-excited face say, 'Jesus is coming!'"

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

Show Video: Video\_WK4\_GO TEAM

#### APPLICATION

### Show Series Graphic: GO TEAM

Jesus came into Jerusalem riding a donkey, and the people waved their palm branches and celebrated Jesus. And we can celebrate Jesus today and every day because Jesus wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever?**"

### **Bible Verse**

(Open Bible.) Look, there is even a Bible verse to remind us!

Show Verse: "I have called you friends" John 15:15

Let's all stand up and say that with motions. Follow me.

## "I Have Called (point up, make cone with hands over mouth) You Friends " (self hug) Ephesians 4:32 (Open hands like a book)

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, Then have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

## PRAYER

God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever! Just like the people in Jerusalem cheered and were SO happy to see Jesus, help us to love and celebrate Jesus, too! We want ALL our friends to know about Jesus, our best friend. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

## **CIRCLE TIME**

Great job! Now it's Circle Time! When you hear the music, walk slowly to a circle and sit right down.

Show Countdown: Small Group

Show Countdown: 10 minutes