



WEEK TWO – JANUARY 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Jesus Heals Ten Men | Luke 17:11-16*

Key Question: *Who is always a good friend?*

Bottom Line: *Jesus is always a good friend.*

Memory Verse: *“A friend loves you all the time.” Proverbs 17:17, NCV*

Basic Truth: *Jesus wants to be my friend forever*

Series Overview: Have you ever seen a bunch of preschoolers jumping in rain puddles? So many giggles! So much excitement! And do you know that feeling you get when you step outside and feel the sunshine on your face for the first time in a week? Pure happiness! Our preschoolers experience a wide range of emotions every day. They feel sad, happy, afraid, nervous, excited—sometimes all in the same hour! Our preschoolers will grow up and experience a lot of different situations and emotions. We want children to know that Jesus is a friend that loves them at ALL times—a friend that will never leave them! That’s why, this month, we are talking about THE best friend—the One who is ALWAYS a good friend. Rain or shine, Jesus is always a good friend of mine!

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Opening Small Group Activity

Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning

What You Need: Large piece of butcher paper, washable marker, red pom-poms, and preschool tongs

What You Do:

- Draw an outline of a gingerbread/person on the butcher paper.
- Lay the paper on the floor.
- Add red pom-poms to the person.
- Encourage children to use the tongs to remove the boo-boos from the person.
- 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!”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: Jesus is a good friend when I am excited. As Jesus and the disciples walk into a village, they hear some men shouting. There are ten men who have a skin disease that only Jesus can make go away. The men cry out and ask Jesus to help them. Jesus tells them to go and let the priests look at their skin. The men quickly do what Jesus told them to do, and on their way, one of them looks at his skin and sees that ALL of his boo-boos are already gone! He is so excited that he quickly goes back to Jesus, praising God in a loud voice. The man throws himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Jesus. Jesus is a good friend to the man when he needed help and when he came back excited, because Jesus is always a good friend.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

How Do You Feel?

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather in your activity area, and say the Memory Verse and motions together.
- 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.
- Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

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!”
- *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. [***Bottom Line***] **Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? [***Bottom Line***] Jesus is always a good friend!”**

Roll the Story

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: “Story Game Cube” Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, clear tape, and sheets/rolls of smiley face or heart stickers

What You Do:

- Gather the children around you.
- Show the children the story game cube and briefly review each story picture on the cube, reading the words below each picture.

- Guide the children as they take turns rolling the game cube and talking about each story picture the cube lands on.
- After each roll, place a sticker in a pile or a row for the children to see.
- The goal is to collect as many stickers as you can.
 - When you're done playing, count the stickers, and give one sticker to each child.
- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s play a game with this story cube! (*Hold up cube.*) Come sit with me and I’ll show you how to play.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “This game cube has pictures from our Bible Story. (*Show the pictures and read the words below each picture.*) This is Jesus. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend.** These are the ten men who had lots of boo-boos and asked Jesus for help. These are the men after Jesus made their boo-boos go away! This man was so excited that he ran back to tell Jesus, ‘Thank You!’ This heart is for our Bible verse that says, ‘*A friend loves you all the time,*’ *Proverbs 17:17.* And this is Jesus, with children like you, because Jesus wants to be your friend forever and **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Now that we’ve looked at all of the story pictures on the game cube, let’s play! Each time we talk about a story picture, we get a sticker! Let’s see how many stickers we can get! (*Pause.*) Wow! We got lots of stickers and now we all get to have one! Way to go!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “I love learning that Jesus was a good friend to the men who had lots of boo-boos. And Jesus was a good friend to the man who was so excited he ran back to tell Jesus: ‘thank You!’ **[Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? [Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend!**”