



**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

### Notes

- *Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.*
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues.*

### GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Beach Items: Bucket, shovel/castle mold, beach ball/picnic basket
- 2-3 assorted silly items
- Tote bag/ bin to hold items

### WORSHIP

- Great Big God
- Everyone, Everywhere



# Preschool April 2026

## Large Group Week 2

### WELCOME

Hi friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! It's my favorite time of the week because worshipping with you is my very favorite thing! Jesus loves you and me so very much!

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### BIG GROUP GAME

Today's Bible story happens at the beach! Tell me: Have you ever been to the beach? Let's make some waves like you see at the beach (**Wave your arms up and down together like a wave**). Splashing in the water with friends is so much fun!

I love going to the beach! Can you help me? I want to go to the beach tomorrow, and I need to get ready! I have some things with me. I need you to help me decide if they are good things to take to the beach or if I should leave them at home.

I'll show you my items. If you think it's good for the beach, give me a thumbs up (**demonstrate**). If not, give me a thumbs down (**demonstrate**). Let's play!

**Pull items out one at a time and show to the group. Ask kids to give a thumbs-up/down. Briefly describe each item**

**Alternate between beach and silly items.**

Bucket/shovel/sand toy: We can play in the sand with friends and build a big sandcastle!

Beach ball: It's a beachball. We can play catch with friends at the beach.

Picnic basket: It's fun to play at the beach, but I can think of one more thing you can do at the beach. We can have a picnic on the beach! Eating with our friends can be so fun!

Thanks for helping, friends! Now let's worship together before we hear our Bible story.

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### WORSHIP

Everyone, stand up, join in, and do our best singing and dancing to let God know how much we love Him!

**Show Worship: Great Big God**

**Show Worship: Everyone, Everywhere**

Thanks for worshipping with me!

Now sit right down and shake the wiggles out (**wiggle hands**) so we can hear (**cup hands behind ears**) what the story's all about!

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## INTRO

### Show Series Graphic: Hip Hip Hooray

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

(**Kids and leaders respond**) (**Pat legs.**) Hip, hip, (**throw arms in the air**) hooray!

Jesus wants to be our friend forever. That's why we are celebrating!

I'm so excited to see what's happening at the new clubhouse. Let's visit Ollie and hear our Bible story!

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## BIBLE TRUTH

### Show Video: Video\_WK2

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## APPLICATION

### Show Series Graphic: Hip Hip Hooray

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.

**[Bottom Line]** "Jesus wants to be my friend forever!" Say that with me!

(**Kids and leaders respond**) **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

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## Bible Verse

(**Open Bible**) Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible.

Let's learn this together! Everyone, stand up! Are you ready? Let's watch the motions, then we can do them all together!

### Show Video: Memory Verse Motions

### Show Verse: John 15:15

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

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, etc.)

Great job, everybody! Now, let's sit down, close our eyes, and bow our heads. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

(Have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold their hands, and close their eyes.)

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## PRAYER

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.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

### Show Graphic: Small Group

And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's so much more to learn! Please use your walking feet and find your small group.