

JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.

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PRELUDE

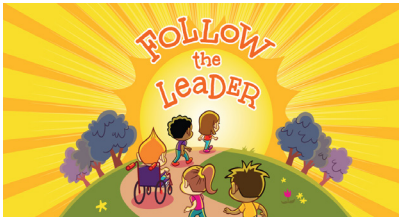
SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

When I follow Jesus,
I can love everyone.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
JOHN 13:34-35

MEMORY VERSE

"Come and follow me,"
Jesus said."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my
friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Follow through the Tunnel
Heart Sort
Pop Bead Play

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Follow On

10
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Bible Story
Prayer

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Different Verse
How We Can Love
Follow the Heart
Love Like Jesus

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player and this month’s worship song, “Follow On,” which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for “Follow On” is available on the Orange Store or in your media package if you subscribe.

LEADER: “Friends, I’m SO glad to see you today. This is our last week to talk about following Jesus. **Who can you follow?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “**I can follow Jesus.**”

LEADER: “Anywhere Jesus leads is right where we belong. Let’s sing ‘Follow On’ together!
(Lead children in singing “Follow On,” this month’s worship song.)

“I saw you marching! I hope you’ll follow Jesus always because He wants to be your friend forever. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.**”

STORY

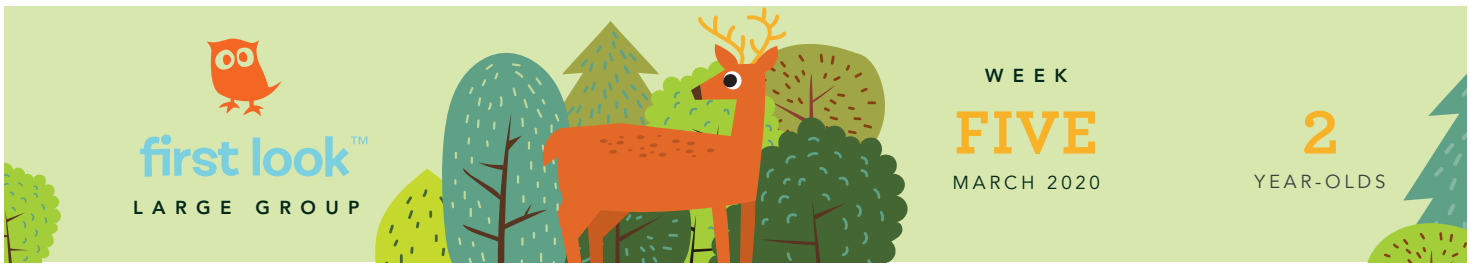
Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be “told” and not “read.” Advanced preparation is necessary.

First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled “Wonder, Look at God’s Story.” This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible and a #1 foam finger

LEADER: “Hello, friends! Come sit here with me. I’m SO excited to be with you today. This month, we’ve been learning a LOT about how to follow Jesus. But today we are going to talk about the . . .
(Hold up the foam finger on your hand.)

“ . . . number one way we can follow Jesus! Everyone say, ‘What is it?’ ”



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CHILDREN: "What is it?"

LEADER: "Let's find out! Jesus and His friends were having dinner one night when Jesus said, 'I'm going to tell you a brand new rule to follow.' Do you want to know what it is? Drumroll, please.
(Lead children to pat their legs as a drumroll.)

"Jesus said, 'The most important thing you can do is to love others the way I have loved you.' Whoa! If we want to follow Jesus, the number one (hold up the foam finger) thing we can do it to love others! So let's practice.

"Let's say you and a friend are riding bikes and the friend falls down. What do you do? Do you stop and help? Or do you keep riding? (Pause.) You stop and help! Hold up your pointer finger, friends. That's right, the number one thing you can do is love. That's loving others like Jesus!

"Okay, what if your friend is over at your house playing in the sandbox with you, but you've only got one shovel. Do you keep it for yourself or share it with your friend? (Pause.) Yes, you share! Hold up that finger—that's the number one thing. That's loving like Jesus.

"What if you find out your older brother accidentally broke your LEGO® creation? Do you stay angry with your brother? Or do you forgive your brother and work together to build a new one? (Pause.) You forgive your brother, that's right! That's loving like Jesus. (Hold up the foam finger as children raise their pointer finger.) That's the number one thing you can do!

"If you want to follow Jesus, then the most important, number one thing you can do is to LOVE people the way Jesus does. The most important thing is LOVE. What is it? (Pause.) Love! Say it again! (Pause.) LOVE!

"Tell me: **Who can you follow?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can follow Jesus."

LEADER: (Point to the left side of the circle with your foam finger.) "Now, just this side, tell me: **Who can you follow?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can follow Jesus."

LEADER: (Point to the right side of the circle with your foam finger.) "And now this side. **Who can you follow?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can follow Jesus."

LEADER: "That's right. **I can follow Jesus.** We all can follow Jesus. But we need God's help, so let's pray!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Heavenly Father, You are an AWESOME God! We learned that LOVE is the number one thing we can do. Help us to love others this week and remember: **I can follow Jesus.** In His name we pray, amen."