

JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.

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PRELUDE

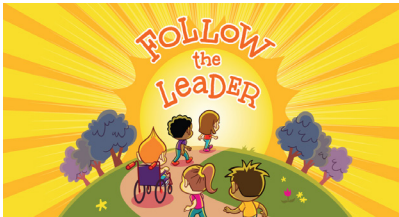
SOCIAL

WORSHIP

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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

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BASIC TRUTH

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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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1. FOLLOW THROUGH THE TUNNEL

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool tunnel and a rubber ball

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the tunnel in the middle of the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give the child the ball and instruct him to roll the ball into the tunnel and follow it by crawling in the tunnel after it.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Be sure each child has a turn to roll the ball and crawl through the tunnel.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Yay! A tunnel!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Roll the ball into the tunnel and follow it by crawling through. (*Point.*) Are you ready to follow the ball?" (*Pause and do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You did a great job following the ball! Today we are going to hear about ways we can follow Jesus."

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by marching to the story area and asking the children to follow your lead.

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PLAY

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while having fun and learning new concepts

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2. HEART SORT

WHAT YOU NEED: One piece of construction paper in each of the following colors: red, yellow, blue, pink, orange, and green; scissors; glue stick; butcher paper; and 10 pom-poms of each of the following colors: red, yellow, blue, pink, orange, and green

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cut a medium-sized heart from each piece of the construction paper. Glue each heart to the butcher paper. Place all of the pom-poms in a pile near the butcher paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children to sort the hearts by placing the pom-poms onto the matching color of heart. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “We are going to play a game!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “There are a lot of pom-poms in the pile. (Point.) Let’s work together to place all of the pom-poms on the same color of heart. All of the yellow pom-poms go on the yellow heart, all of the green pom-poms go on the green heart, and so on. Are you ready to play?” (Pause and do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Great job! Hearts remind me of love. Jesus wants us to love everyone. Let’s get ready to hear our TRUE story from the Bible to find out different ways we can love one another.”

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by holding hands with each other as they walk to the story area.

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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion
of the week's crucial concepts

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3. POP BEAD PLAY

WHAT YOU NEED: Pop beads

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the beads in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to work together to put the beads together. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to play with the pop beads."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You push this side (*point to stick end*) into the hole in the other bead (*point*). One bead will follow the other bead. Let's see how many beads we can have follow one another!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Our pop beads are super long. You did a great job following the beads. Today in our Bible story, we are going to hear about different ways we can follow Jesus."

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by holding on to each other's shoulders like a train as you move to the story area.

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**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



MOVE

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to help them learn

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1. DIFFERENT VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to say the Memory Verse in different ways. Examples: Soft voice, loud voice, singing voice, and a laughing voice. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There are different ways we can show love to one another."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our memory verse in different ways, too. First, let's say it in a soft voice. (*Say the verse in a whisper.*) Nice job! Now let's say the verse in a LOUD voice! (*Shout the verse.*) Way to go! Now, let's SING our verse! (*Sing the verse.*) You are all doing such a great job! I am so happy! Let's say our memory verse in a laughing voice." (*Laugh and say the verse.*) (*Repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Awesome! We can follow Jesus by showing love. We can show love in different ways. We all can follow Jesus! **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"

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2. HOW CAN WE LOVE?

WHAT YOU NEED: "Love" Activity Pages, cardstock, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Pages on to the cardstock. You will have three separate pages. Hang each page on different walls in the activity area at preschool level.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children stand in the middle of the activity area. Say the following phrases as clues to the children. Have the children run to the picture that matches the phrase you used. Phrases: You can show love by helping someone when they are hurt (*BAND-AID®*), you can show love by sharing your toys (*toys*), and you can show love by giving food to someone who is hungry (*food*). Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We have pictures around our room. There is a picture of a BAND-AID (*point*), toys (*point*), and food (*point*)."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, stand in the middle. (*Point.*) Listen very carefully to what I say and go to the picture that I am talking about. Are you ready? (*Pause.*) You can show love by helping someone when they are hurt. (*Guide children to run to the BAND-AID.*) You can show love by sharing your toys. (*Guide children to run to the toys.*) And you can show love by giving food to someone who is hungry. (*Guide children to run to the food.*) Great job! Let's do it again!" (*Continue activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was so much fun! Jesus wants to follow Him by loving one another. We can follow Jesus. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"

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3. FOLLOW THE HEART

WHAT YOU NEED: Streamers, large foam heart, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Tear the streamer into a three-foot section. Tape the heart to one end of the streamer.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to follow the heart as you hold it and move around the activity area. Repeat as desired

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We can follow Jesus by showing love to one another!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Follow the heart! (Lead children around the activity area.) Let's ALL follow Jesus by showing love for one another." (Finish activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone can follow Jesus by showing love to one another. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"

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CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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4. LOVE LIKE JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Love Like Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, BAND-AIDS, heart stickers, toy stickers, and food stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock (*one per child*).

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page, a BAND-AID, and one of each of the stickers. Encourage the child to place all of the stickers and the BAND-AID around the picture of Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Send the Activity Pages home with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's love like Jesus!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Here is a picture of Jesus. (*Hold up.*) Let's put a BAND-AID on the picture to show that we can love one another by helping them when they are hurt. (*Do activity.*) Now let's place a food sticker on the picture to show that we can love someone by giving them food. (*Continue activity.*) Great job! Now we can place a toy sticker (*hold up*) and a heart sticker (*hold up*) on the picture to show that we can love one another by sharing."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Awesome job! We can follow Jesus by showing love to one another. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"

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