



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



**2. LETTER WRITING**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, crayons, and envelopes; Optional fun mailbox to hold letters

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Set the paper, crayons, and envelopes on the table.

**BIBLE STORY**

I can tell others about Jesus.

**GREAT COMMISSION**  
**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to use the crayons to write or draw on a piece of paper. Show them how to fold their papers and place them in an envelope. If time allows, children may write more letters and place them in envelopes.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Collect the letters and messages. If providing a mailbox, encourage the children to place them in the mailbox.

**MEMORY VERSE**

“How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”

**EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** “Have you ever received a letter in mail? Maybe you got a card for your birthday or a special note from your grandma. Writing a letter is one way we can tell someone something. Let’s write some messages on our papers then we can fold them to put inside an envelope!”

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** “Look at all these messages! Great job, friends. Today, we’ll hear about a very special message that we can share with everyone, everywhere! Would you like to hear that very special message? Let’s go!”

**KEY QUESTION**

Who wants to be your friend forever?

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be mail carriers delivering letters along the way.

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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**2. A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper, tape, marker, and sticky notes

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Tape a long piece of butcher paper to the wall at preschooler level. Write "Jesus loves

you and wants to be your friend forever" on the butcher paper in large letters then cover the letters with sticky notes.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Lead the children in taking turns as they uncover the special job Jesus gave all of His friends to do.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how Jesus wants everyone, everywhere to be His friend forever and He told His friends to make sure everyone, everywhere knows.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hi, friends! Today we heard about a very important message Jesus told His friends to go tell everyone, everywhere."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible story, Jesus gave His friends a special job before He left. He told His friends to go tell everyone, everywhere a very important message. The important message is on this paper, but it's all covered up! Will you help me uncover Jesus' very important message? (Pause.) Yay! When I say your name, come up and take one of the pieces of paper off. Ready?" (Call each child by name. Continue until all of the sticky notes are gone.)

"You did it! You uncovered Jesus' special message. Let's read it together. (Point as you read.) Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Wow! Jesus wants all of His friends to go tell everyone, everywhere that (point as you read) Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus wants everyone, everywhere to know that He loves them and wants to be their friend forever. That means Jesus loves YOU and wants to be YOUR friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Yay! Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"



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**MADE TO MOVE**

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



**4. TELL EVERYONE**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Tell Everyone" Activity Pages, cardstock, and wall tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Tell Everyone" Activity Pages on cardstock, one set per small group. Tape the

pictures around the activity area at preschooler level.

**BIBLE STORY**

I can tell others about Jesus.

**GREAT COMMISSION  
MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have the children stand in the middle of the activity area. Say, "We can tell [one person in the pictures] that Jesus wants to be their friend forever." Instruct the children to go to the picture of the person you said. While they are there, ask them the Key Question and have them repeat the Bottom Line. Continue the activity by saying the phrase for each picture and having the children visit each area of the room. Repeat as desired.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

**EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "We have pictures all around our room. There is a picture of a doctor (*point*), a firefighter (*point*), a police officer (*point*), a teacher (*point*), a grandpa (*point*), a neighbor (*point*), and some friends (*point*)."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Everyone, stand in the middle. (*Point.*) Listen very carefully to what I say, and go to the picture I am talking about. Are you ready? (*Pause.*) We can tell a teacher that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Everyone, go to the picture of a teacher. Now, tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Great job! Let's do it again!" (*Continue activity.*)

**KEY QUESTION**

Who wants to be your friend forever?

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "That was so much fun! We can tell everyone that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



**6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's Small Group time!

Today, we'll pretend we're flying on an airplane so we can go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever! Wings out! (*Hold arms out like airplane wings.*) Here we go! Fly with me! (*Pretend to fly like an airplane as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

**BIBLE STORY**

I can tell others about Jesus.

"We're coming in for a landing . . . aaaand stop! That was fun! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

**GREAT COMMISSION  
MATTHEW 28:16-20**

"Our Bible story, today, was about a very important job Jesus gave all of His friends. He told them to go tell everyone, everywhere that He loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We can go in a boat or on an airplane or just walk to a friend's house and say, 'Jesus loves you, and He wants to be your friend forever.'

**MEMORY VERSE**

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

"Jesus wants everyone to know that He loves them, because He really, really, REALLY loves everyone, everywhere with the biggest love there is! And the Bible verse we have learned will help us remember how much Jesus loves us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

**EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**

Who wants to be your friend forever?

"'How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,' Ephesians 3:18. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

"We will stand up and say that together with the motions one time, then anyone who wants to try to say it can give it a try. I have my [stickers or handstamp] ready!"

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "'How wide (*hold arms out wide*) and long (*raise one hand high and hold one hand low*) and high (*jump*) and deep (*crouch*) is the love (*hug yourself*) of Christ,' (*point up*) Ephesians 3:18." (*Open hands like a book.*)

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**SGL:** "Wonderful! (*Give two thumbs-up.*) Let's sit down. When it's your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it. (*Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.*)

"You did it, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker or handstamp]! (*Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.*)



WEEK  
**FOUR**

SMALL GROUP  
**Downtown**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

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## (6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Now when I count to three, I want everyone to show me their [sticker or handstamp]. One, two, three! Yay, I see them! I'm so proud of you! *(Clap and cheer for the children.)*

"When we choose to follow Jesus and be His friend forever, we have the important job of telling everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

"So, tell me, one more time, **Who wants to be your friend forever?**"

**CHILDREN AND SGL: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."**

**SGL: (cheering) "Yes! Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"**

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Today, we'll make a list of people we can go tell that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. When I say your name, tell me one person you can tell, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name! *(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

"Thank you for helping make this list. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

*(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

## PRAYER

**SGL: "Dear God, we want everyone, everywhere to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. Please help us go tell *(read the list the children made)* about Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."**