



GO TEAM! | WEEK 3 | MARCH 17, 2024

Preschool Lesson

Washing Feet

Bible Story: Washing Feet • Jesus is a good friend • John 13:3-17

Memory Verse: “I have called you friends.” John 15:15, NIV

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Waiting to be picked by a team in grade school is agonizing. If you’re some of the last people chosen by a team, it means while everyone else is cheering, “Go team!” you’re probably thinking something like, “They don’t want me, and I don’t want to be here.” The truth is, we don’t all have the skills to hit home runs or run really fast. And that’s okay. What’s not okay is being unwanted. Thankfully, for all of us, Jesus wants EVERYONE on His team! Jesus wants everyone everywhere to follow Him and be His friend forever. No matter what we can do or can’t do, what we have done, what we look like, or where we live, Jesus is alive and He wants to be our friend...FOREVER! And that kind of Good News makes us all want to say, “GO TEAM!”

Story Focus: Jesus is a good friend. Jesus does something unexpected to show His friends, the disciples, what it looks like to be a good friend. He didn’t show them how to defend someone in battle or how to convince a person to stop doing wrong. Instead, Jesus got a bowl of water and a cloth. Jesus got on His knees and washed His disciples’ dirty, smelly feet. Jesus did this to teach them—and us—how to be a good friend. Every time we think of others and put them first, we are being a good friend like Jesus.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You’re in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Kid
Connect
9:35/11:20

Large Group
Starts
9:40/11:25

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (Kids respond.) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. Be kind. We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. Be safe. We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. Have fun! We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

“Can everybody follow those rules today? (Kids respond.) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let’s say them all together! Are you ready?”

1. I am made by God. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (Kids repeat.)

“It’s time for our memory verse. Let’s watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!”

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

‘I (point up)
have called you (two fingers on top of two fingers)
friends,’ (hook index fingers twice)
John 15:15. (Open hands like a book.)

“Ok, Now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: NEVER BETTER, VERY BEST FRIEND)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Yay Jesus Flag, Prop or Picture, Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the props to the center of the room. You should have a Yay Jesus Flag and Prop/Picture for current week (soap).

“I have my story box ready. I’m SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let’s see what I have in here...”

Pull out flag and prop/picture

Hold up the flag. “What do I have here? (Pause for responses). YES, it’s a flag! A team flag! It has letters and words on it. I’m going to read them, and I want you to repeat them. The first part has letters, J-E-S-U-S. Now you say the letters. J-E-S-U-S. Those letters spell Jesus. The next part has words. It says Yay Jesus! Now you say it. Yay Jesus! Let’s say it altogether now. J-E-S-U-S, Yay Jesus! Jesus wants everyone to be on his team and be his friend! Isn’t that Awesome? Yay Team Jesus! There was one more item in our story box. What is this? (Pause for responses). YES, soap! We use soap to wash and clean things. Jesus washes something in our story today.

“Let’s watch our Bible story to see what Jesus washes.”

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“Wow! Was that a great story? Yes! What did Jesus wash in our story today? (Pause for responses). Yes! He washed the disciples’ feet. Jesus showed us how to be a good friend by putting others first.

“When I ask, ‘Who wants to be your friend forever?’ I want you to say, [Bottom Line] ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever’ Let’s try that! Who wants to be your friend forever? (Jesus wants to be my friend forever.)”

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

“Let’s look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, ‘I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.’ When we choose Jesus as our friend, we are on Jesus’ team and part of his family forever.”

PRAY

“Let’s pray together. (Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to be a good friend! Help us to think of others and put them first this week so we can be a good friend like Jesus! In Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.”

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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CLEAN FEET

(Clean Feet Activity Page, Colored and Laminated - 1 per group, Washable Mark, Wet Wipe and Hand Sanitizer - 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have Clean Feet Activity Page, Washable Marker, Wet Wipe and Hand Sanitizer ready.

During the Activity: Engage the children as you tell the Bible story.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come sit with me, friends. Can you help me tell our story today? (Pause). Great!”

During the Activity: “Who is in this picture? (Pause). Yes, Jesus and His friends, the disciples. How many friends/disciples’ are with Jesus? Let’s count them. 1, 2, 3,...12. Great counting! What did Jesus do in our story to show His friends how much He cared about them? (Pause.) That’s right, Jesus washed His friends’ feet! His friends feet were super dirty. Can you help me use this marker and make His friends’ feet dirty? We’re going to share the marker so everyone gets a turn. [Child’s name] can you make this disciples feet dirty? Great! (Move to the next child in your group) [Child’s name] can you make this disciples feet dirty. (Allow each child to color a small portion of the disciples feet until they are all colored/dirty). Now let’s use this cloth to clean Jesus’ friends feet. Can you help me? Let’s all work together by stacking hands (have your kids stack hands on yours as you wipe the marker off). Awesome! The feet are all clean! You are good helpers and good friends.

“Now we’re going to use our imagination and pretend to wash a friend’s feet. Let’s pretend this hand sanitizer is soap. I’m going to give you each a little “soap” in your hands and we’re going to pretend to lather up and wash the feet of the friend sitting next to us. (Demonstrate so the small amount of sanitizer absorbs then proceed to showing kids how to pretend to wash feet by using another leaders feet or kid in the group. NOTE: shoes and socks stay on.) Okay. Let’s lather up and wash our friends’ feet. Now we need to pretend to put our friend’s feet into a bowl of water and rinse the soap off. Great job washing feet! You are good friends, just like Jesus.

After the Activity: “In our Bible Story, Jesus’ friends, the disciples, were about to have a special

dinner with Jesus. But their feet were super dirty! Jesus wanted to wash His friends' feet because He is a good friend and He wanted to show us how to be a good friend too. Every time we think of others first, we're being a good friend like Jesus. And Jesus is the best! I'm so glad Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

WHAT CAN YOUR FEET DO?

(No Supplies Needed)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Stand together in a circle with the children.

During the Activity: Encourage children to follow you as you do different movements with your feet. Ask children what else we can do with our feet. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand in a circle over here! Let's play a game!"

During the Activity: "Watch and follow what I do. Ready? (Start marching in place.) What are our feet doing? (Pause.) Marching! Okay, freeze your feet! Watch and follow what my feet do next. (Start jumping in place.) What are our feet doing now? (Pause.) Jumping! Okay, freeze your feet! (Continue with different movements like tiptoeing, dancing, walking, running, skipping, standing.) What else can we do with our feet? (Encourage everyone to do the different things the children mention.) That was fun doing different movements with our feet together."

After the Activity: "Jesus showed His friends, the disciples, how much He loved them by washing their feet in our story today. Jesus wanted to show us how to be a good friend. Every time we think of others first, we're being a good friend like Jesus. I'm so glad Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

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have called you (two fingers on top of two fingers)
friends,' (hook index fingers twice)
John 15:15. (Open hands like a book.)

PRAYER

“Let’s pray together. (Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)

“Jesus, thank You for being the BEST friend ever. Help us to be good friends by sharing, listening, and helping too! We love You. In Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.