

Preschool | W2 April

Leader Summary

Peter and some of the disciples go fishing, but they don't catch anything. A man on the shore tells them to cast their nets again but on the other side of the boat, and then they catch tons of fish! The disciples realize the man on the shore is Jesus, and Peter jumps into the water and swims to the shore. Jesus cooks breakfast and eats with His friends on the beach. Jesus loves spending time with us, too, because Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

Connect Time (20 minutes)

Welcome Time
Small Group connect

Large Group Time (25 minutes)

Count Down & Welcome
Worship
Memory Verse
Bible Story Intro
Bible Story Video
Wrap Up & Prayer

Small Group Time (25 minutes)

Activity One
Activity Two
Memory Verse with Motions
Prayer
Parent Pick Up Activity

Take Home

First Look Place Mat



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

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Small Group Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

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

SLIDE: Theme Slide

What You Do:

Small Group 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...

12 min

Large Group Time

4 min

Countdown & Welcome

What You Need

No supplies needed

6 min

Worship

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Countdown

"Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and 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.)*

SLIDE: Three Rules

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?"

SLIDE: Basic Truths

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.)*

"Let's continue celebrating Jesus through song and dance. Please stand up right where you are and get ready to move your body and sing as we worship Jesus!"

SONG: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

"Great singing, friends! That was a fun song! We are going to do one more song together... everyone get ready to sing and dance, one more time!"

SONG: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

2 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

VIDEO: Memory Verse Video

"I (point up)

have called you (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)
friends." (*Hook index fingers twice.*)

John 15:15 (*open hands like a book.*)

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Can you do that with me?

Lead the children to say the Memory Verse with motions once or twice.

"You guys all did a great job with our memory verse and with our worship songs! Now it's time to turn around (*spin around*)... sit down (*sit down*).. Shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*)... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what today's Bible Story is all about!"

14 min

Large Group Bible Story

2 min

Bible Story Intro

What You Need

-  Story Box 1
-  Party Horn (1/service) 1
-  Breakfast Food Images (1 set = 4 images) 1

9 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Wrap Up & Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Theme

"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... *(LGL pulls out a party horn)* A party horn! *(Blow the party horn a couple of times.)* It must be time to celebrate! Oh, look at this, *(pull out breakfast food pictures, one at a time -4 of them, ending with the fish)...* This makes me think of a PJ party with breakfast foods!... Well, maybe everything but the fish! Hip, Hip, Hooray let's celebrate! I wonder what this has to do with our Bible Story for today?"

"Let's get ready to watch our Bible Story video and find out!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"Hmm, I'm not sure fish is something I have ever had for breakfast. But how awesome was it that Jesus made breakfast for His friends! That would be pretty special to have breakfast with Jesus though. Jesus showed His friends that He loved them by making breakfast for them. He is the best friend ever! Who wants to be your best friend forever?
[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

SLIDE: Basic Truth

"Let's look at what our Basic Truth says for today.... I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever. God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to rescue us, that's what we heard last week in the story of Easter and we see it again in today's story. Jesus came back and made breakfast for His friends because he loved them and wanted to spend time with them. Jesus loves us too, Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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."

LGL dismiss to Small Group

25 min

Small Group Time

8 min

Activity 1- Beach Story Retell

What You Need

-  "Story Picture Cards" Activity Page 1
-  Sand Bucket 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Story Picture Cards" and cut apart, one set per small group. Each Small Group will also need one sand bucket.

During the Activity: Have the kids take turns drawing a picture from the sand bucket and then the SGL will lead them in a movement for each picture.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

"Come on over here, look what I have (*hold up Sandbucket*). Where did today's story take place? (*Pause.*) Yes, that's right, the Beach... and I have a Sandbucket!

"We are going to take turns pulling out a picture from the sandbucket. (*Hold up the sandbucket.*) Whatever picture is pulled out, we will see what it has to do with today's story and do a specific movement. Are you ready.... (*Call one child up at a time to pull out a picture. Depending on the number of kids in your group, you may want to put the cards back in, or go through a 2nd time once all of the cards have been drawn.*)

Boat- The disciples were out in their boat. (*Have the kids rock side to side, like they are on the boat.*)

Beach- The disciples saw someone on the beach. (*Have the kids put their hands up to their eyes like they are trying to see something far away.*)

Water- Once Peter realized it was Jesus on the beach, he jumped in the water and swam to shore. (*Have the kids move their arms like they are swimming.*)

Jesus- Jesus was on the beach. Jesus is alive. (*Have the kids say 'Hip Hip Hooray, Jesus is alive!'*)

Disciple Eating Fish- Jesus had made breakfast for his friends! They ate fish together on the beach. (*Have the kids pretend to eat.*)

Fire- Jesus had made a fire on the beach to cook breakfast. (*Have the kids put their hands out like they are warming up by a fire.*)

Bible- The Bible is God's word to us! (*Say the verse together. 'I (point up) have called you (point to the kids) friends (link index fingers twice). John 15:15'*)

Ollie- Ollie reminds us what our key question is. Whooo (*say it like an owl*) wants to be your friend forever. (*Help kids respond, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever!'*)

"That was a fun way to retell today's story. Jesus made breakfast for his friends on the beach. He did that because Jesus wanted to spend time with his friends. He wants to spend time with us too because Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever?

[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

8 min

Activity 2- Breakfast with Jesus Placemat

What You Need

-  "Breakfast with Jesus Placemat" on 11x17 paper 1
-  Crayons Several

5 min

Memory Verse with Motions & Prayer

What You Need

-  "Memory Verse Card" 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Breakfast with Jesus Placemat" on 11x17 paper, 1 per child.

During the Activity: Give each child a placemat and crayons. Talk about the Bible story while the kids color their placemat.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

"You guys did a great job just now retelling today's story! Now, we are going to color this cool placemat that you can take home to remember the story all week long!"

"Jesus made a yummy breakfast for His friends. Can you color the PLATE on your paper? *(Pause)* What else do you see on your placemat? *(Pause for responses.)* Wow, you guys see lots of things... Everyone touch the picture of JESUS on your placemat. *(Pause.)* Nice job, now can you touch the FORK and the SPOON? *(Pause.)* Wonderful! Take a few minutes to color your placemat. *(Pause and give the kids a few minutes to color, while taking time to talk to kids individually while they color.)*

"This placemat reminds us that Jesus loves His friends so much that He made breakfast on the beach for them. Jesus loves you so much and wants to be your friend forever!"

"Your placemats are beautiful! You can take them home to use for your breakfast. And everytime you see it, you can remember that Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

"This month's Bible verse we are learning talks about how Jesus wants to be our friend. It says:

'I *(point up)*
have called you *(point to others)*
friends.' *(hook index fingers twice)*
John 15:15. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"That is what Jesus said to his friends, the disciples, and it's true for us too! Jesus called us friend! Jesus called me friend and Jesus called you, and you, and you friend! Jesus wants to be your friend forever and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever** too!"

"Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! **'I** *(point up)* **have called you** *(point to others)* **friends.'** *(hook index fingers twice)* John 15:15. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"In today's story, Jesus made breakfast for his friends the disciples. I want each of you to think of your friends *(pause)* get at least one of their names in your head, don't say it out loud, yet. Got it? Ok, I am going to count to three and then I want everyone to say the name of one of their friend, 1... 2... 3... *(pause.)* Sounds like you guys have lots of friends!"

4 min

Parent Pick Up Activity

What You Need

-  Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page 1

That is awesome! Jesus wants to be friends with me, with you, and with all of your friends too!

"Let's get ready to pray. *(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 giving us friends like all of the names that we just shared and thank You for the best friend, JESUS! We are so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Breakfast on the Beach, page 462) and read it to your small group.

Supplies

Bible Story Intro Quantity

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | Story Box | 1 |
| 2. | Party Horn (1/service) | 1 |
| 3. | Breakfast Food Images (1 set = 4 images) | 1 |

Activity 1- Beach Story Retell Quantity

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| 1. | "Story Picture Cards" Activity Page | 1 |
| 2. | Sand Bucket | 1 |

Activity 2- Breakfast with Jesus Placemat Quantity

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| 1. | "Breakfast with Jesus Placemat" on 11x17 paper | 1 |
| 2. | Crayons | Several |

Memory Verse with Motions & Prayer Quantity

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| 1. | "Memory Verse Card" | 1 |
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Parent Pick Up Activity Quantity

- | | | |
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| 1. | Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page | 1 |
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