

Preschool | W3 April

Leader Summary

Jesus meets the disciples on a mountain, and He gives them a big job to do—go everywhere and tell people about Him, and teach them what He said. Jesus promises to always be with them. Jesus wants us to tell people about God's love, too—and we never do it alone! 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 Placemat



Bible Story

Great Commission • Matthew 28:16-20
I can tell others about Jesus.

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

2 min

Memory Verse

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.

"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!"

What You Need

No supplies needed

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
-  Fun Things Pictures (1 set = 2 pages) 1
-  Party Horn (1/service) 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 pictures, one at a time -3 of them)*... These would be fun things to do with my friends!

(Hold up the sports picture.) Who likes to play ____ with their friends and family? (Pause, acknowledge a couple of things kids say and move to next picture.)

(Hold up the toys picture.) Who likes to play ____ with their friends and family? (Pause, acknowledge a couple of things kids say and move to next picture.)

"Playing with friends and family in all of those ways is a fun and worth celebrating! Let's get ready to watch our Bible Story video to see what else might be worth celebrating!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"Wow! Jesus gave his friends, the disciples, a big job! He told them to go and tell everyone everywhere about Him no matter where they lived. Jesus told the disciples to teach people everything He had taught them. But, they didn't have to do it alone. Jesus would be with them and help them all the time, everywhere they went. Jesus wants us to tell people about Him too- we can tell people at home, at school, at church, and in our neighborhoods!

SLIDE: Basic Truth

"Let's look at what our Basic Truth says for today... I am made for a purpose so I can tell people about God! Jesus told the disciples to tell people everywhere about all that He had taught them, and He wants us to do the same thing!

Prayer

"Dear God, Jesus has given us a big job, just like the disciples. Help us tell everyone everywhere that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

LGL dismiss to Small Group

25 min

Small Group Time

8 min

Activity 1- Share the News

What You Need

-  "Share the News Stickers" Activity Page 2 (9 stickers/pg)
-  "Fun at Home" Activity Page (6 /pg) 1
-  Crayons Several
-  Fun stickers *optional Several
-  "Hip Hip Hooray Stickers" Activity Page 1 (10 stickers/pg)

8 min

Activity 2- Move and Tell

What You Need

-  "People Poster" (2 pages, just the pictures, not the words on back) 1
-  Marker 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Share the News Stickers" on label paper, two stickers per child. Copy "Fun at Home" on cardstock and cut one note per child. Copy "Go and Tell Stickers" on label paper, 1 per child. Copy "Hip Hip Hooray Stickers" on label paper, 1 per child. *Optional- gather other stickers that says Jesus Loves You.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their envelopes. Ask children to place their stickers inside the envelope along with their note

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Jesus told His friends to go and tell everyone about Him. We can do that, too! Let's make something special to help us share the good news."

During the Activity: "First, let's decorate this envelope. This will hold our good news! (Allow time to decorate.) Next, we are going to put this sticker on the front of your envelope. It says, 'Go and tell, EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE.' Remember, that's what Jesus told his friends to do. Now, let's put the good news inside. I have stickers of our Memory Verse! (Show stickers.) They say, 'I have called you friends.' Let's put some inside your envelope. (Help children add stickers.)"

After the Activity: "Now you can take this home and give these stickers to people you love, like your family or your friends! You can be just like Jesus' friends and 'go and tell' everyone that **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"**

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "People Poster" one per group.

During the Activity: Brainstorm different people in the kids' lives. Call out different movements for the kids to do to get to the people (across the small group area) and then help the kids say the bottom line.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "You guys did a great job decorating your envelopes! Now we are going to do a moving activity that will help us tell others about Jesus too!"

During the Activity: "Look at this paper, there are all kids on people who might be in your life on here. (Hold up the picture and let the kids call out who they see, example: grandparents, neighbors...) Before we start moving, I want you to think of some of those people in your life."

5 min

Memory Verse with Motions & Prayer

What You Need

 Memory Verse Card" from Week One in 1 Bible

4 min

Parent Pick Up Activity

What You Need

 Beginner's Bible marked at the correct 0 page

Resources

(Pause. Call on kids and ask them to name someone in their life- maybe they have a grandma named Gigi, or a grandpa named Papa, or their neighbor named Ben. Write about 10 names on the paper wherever there is space.) This is a great list of people! People we can tell about Jesus!

"Now, we are going to do some moving. (*Wiggle your body to be silly.*) I will call 3 of you at a time to move over here (*you should be 4-5 feet away from the group*). You will have to move in whatever way I say, and when you get to the picture of all the people, I want you to say 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever!' and then go back and have a seat. (*Repeat until everyone has had a turn.*)

Movement options: Crawl, Skip, Hop, Twirl, Tip Toe, Walk Backwards

After the Activity: "You're all such amazing movers! You can go anywhere and move any way to tell people the good news that **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

What You Say:

"Let's all say this month's memory verse together:

'I (*point up*)

have called you (*point to others*)

friends.' (*hook index fingers twice*)

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

"Did you hear that? Jesus called us His friend! Jesus called me friend and Jesus called you, and you, and you friend! And that is the message we can share with everyone, everywhere! Jesus wants to be your friend forever, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever** too!

"Today has been a lot of fun! Let's calm our bodies and get ready to talk to God.

"Dear God, thank you for today and for our friends in KidCity. We have had fun today learning about Jesus. Help us this week tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. Amen."

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Jesus Goes to Heaven, page 466) and read it to your small group.

Supplies

Bible Story Intro	Quantity
1. Story Box	1
2. Fun Things Pictures (1 set = 2 pages)	1
3. Party Horn (1/service)	1

Activity 1- Share the News	Quantity
1. "Share the News Stickers" Activity Page (9 stickers/pg)	2
2. "Fun at Home" Activity Page (6 /pg)	1
3. Crayons	Several
4. Fun stickers *optional	Several
5. "Hip Hip Hooray Stickers" Activity Page (10 stickers/pg)	1

Activity 2- Move and Tell	Quantity
1. "People Poster" (2 pages, just the pictures, not the words on back)	1
2. Marker	1

Memory Verse with Motions & Prayer	Quantity
1. Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible	1

Parent Pick Up Activity	Quantity
1. Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page	0