



WEEK
FOUR
APRIL 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



BIBLE STORY

I can tell others
about Jesus.

GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:16-20

MEMORY VERSE

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

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be
your friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

BASIC TRUTH

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5. LOVE TRAVELS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Love Travels" and "Kite Travels" Activity Pages; cardstock; map scrapbook paper or actual maps; scissors; 1/8-inch ribbon; glue sticks; and marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Love Travels" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Kite Travels" and cut out to use as a template on the map paper. Cut one kite from map paper for each child. Cut ribbon into 12-inch lengths, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to glue their kite on their paper then add the ribbon tail. Talk about all the places the kite can go in the world, then talk about how we can go tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard how Jesus wanted His friends to do a very important job. He wanted them to go everywhere and tell everyone about Him."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make a special kite today. This one will help us remember our story. Can you fly a kite anywhere in the world? (Pause.) Yes! You sure can! You could fly a kite in Africa, Canada, or in Texas! Look at these kites. What do they have on them? (Pause.) All of the kites have maps on them. Maps help tell us where to go. You can get a map of anywhere and everywhere! Glue your kite to the top part of your paper. (Pause.) Great! Now add the ribbon for the kite tail. (Pause.) Super-duper! Just like your kites can go everywhere, so can we! We can go everywhere and tell everyone that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story, Jesus took His friends up the mountain to talk to them. He had a really important job for them to do. Jesus told them that He wanted them to go tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Jesus wants us to do the same important job. We can tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and wants to be their 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

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"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."

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Great Commission • *Matthew 28:16-20*

