



WEEK
FOUR
APRIL 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically
designed for older preschoolers



3. WE GO TOGETHER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "We Go Together Cards" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "We Go Together Cards" on cardstock and cut apart; one set per activity.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pass out the cards to the children. Make sure you've passed out matching sets so each child can find their match. Be certain each child can identify the picture on their card. Encourage the children to move around to find the card that matches or goes together with their card. If time allows, collect all the cards, shuffle, and redistribute to play again. If you had more cards than children, try to use new cards the second round.

Answers: Ketchup and mustard, salt and pepper, milk and cookies, hamburger and fries, chips and salsa, peanut butter and jelly, fork and spoon

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Gather the cards and set aside for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There are some things that just go together: like ketchup and mustard or salt and pepper! I have some cards with different items that go together. I'll give each of you a different card. You will search to find a friend who has a card that 'goes together' with yours. For example, one of you will have a picture of salt. What goes with salt? (Pause.) Yes, pepper! So, if you have the salt card, you need to find the friend with the pepper card and stand together. When you find your friend, stand together and raise your hands to show me that you found your match. Ready? Here we go."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You found all of the things that go together! But you know the BEST things that go together are my friend Jesus and me! Because **Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

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our friend forever.

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH
JOHN 21:1-14

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

KEY QUESTION

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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 your Bible at Matthew 28:20; journal; fun-shaped pen; and reward stickers or a handstamp

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Now you can sit down. Anyone who wants to can try to say that verse. I have my [sticker/handstamp] ready! *(Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)*

"Yay, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! *(Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)*

"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! *(Pause to look.)* Yay! *(Give fist bumps to the children.)*

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)* Since Jesus made breakfast on the beach for His friends, we'll make a list of our favorite breakfast foods. When I say your name, tell me your favorite breakfast food. *(Say each child's name and write what they say. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

"This list is making me hungry! Let's 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

"Dear God, thank You for yummy foods like *(read the list the children made)* that we get to eat for breakfast. Thank You that Jesus made fish and bread for His friends for breakfast. That story reminds us that Jesus cares about His friends and wants to spend time with them. I pray that every person here will follow Jesus so He can be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."







