

WEEK  
**ONE**  
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's  
natural desire to move  
to help them learn



## 4. RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Red and green construction paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Prepare to play red light, green light with the two construction papers.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Hold the red or green papers up above your head. Explain to the children that the green paper means for them to run, dance, and be silly all around the activity area and the red paper means for them to stop and freeze. Alternate holding the green and red papers several times. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how we can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere because Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, join me over here. We're going to do a fun activity where we will get ready, set, move!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I'll hold a green paper up. When you see it, I want you to move around the activity area and dance and be silly. But when you see the red paper, that means you need to stop moving and freeze! Here we go! Ready, set, move! (*Hold up green paper*). Wow! Great moving and dancing! (*Take turns alternating the papers*).

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Ready, set, move and follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere because He wants to be our friend forever! In our Bible story today, Paul was not a friend of Jesus or anyone who was friends with Jesus. But one day, Paul met Jesus, and Paul's life changed forever! Now Paul knew that Jesus is alive. And WE know that Jesus is alive, too, and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

**PAUL BECOMES A BELIEVER**  
**ACTS 9:1-9**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said,  
'Come follow me.'"

**MATTHEW 4:19, NCV**

## KEY QUESTION

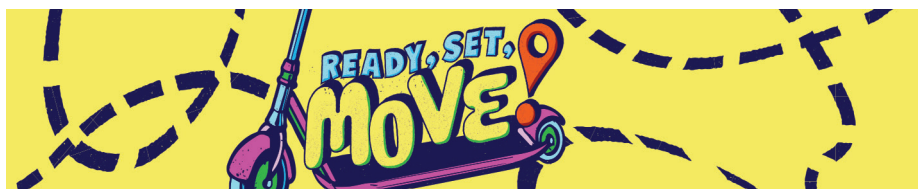
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## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be  
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## BASIC TRUTH

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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:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, Bible, cardstock, scissors, paperclip, journal, and fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

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**PAUL BECOMES A BELIEVER**  
**ACTS 9:1-9**

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today we'll make a list of our friends in our prayer journal. When I say your name, tell me the name of one of your friends. [Child's name], tell me the name of one of your friends. (*Repeat with each child and remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"Now I'll add one more name to this wonderful list. (*Say the letters as you write them.*) J-E-S-U-S. Jesus! I added Jesus because Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let's pray and thank God for Jesus and all of our friends. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

### MEMORY VERSE

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### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us so many wonderful friends. Thank You for (*read the list the children made*). And most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best friend we will ever have! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

### KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

### BOTTOM LINE

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### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.