

WEEK
FOUR
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. KNOCK, KNOCK ON THE WALL

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Knock, Knock on the Wall" Activity Page, copy paper, file folders, glue sticks, painter's tape, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Knock, Knock on the Wall" on copy paper, one set per small group. Glue one picture inside each file folder. Draw a simple door shape on the front of each file folder. Tape file folders to the wall around the room at preschooler height. Make sure to allow the shorter side of the folder to be opened.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to follow you to a "door." Choose a child to knock on the door and guess who's there. Lift the flap to reveal who's behind the door. Repeat with each of the doors. Continue until each child has a turn to knock on a door. When you come to the door with Peter's friends say, "Jesus is always with me. Jesus is my friend forever."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus was always with Peter and Jesus is always with us because Jesus wants to be our friend forever.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, let's walk together and see who's behind these doors in our room."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's all walk to this door. Who do you think is behind the door? (Pause.) [Child's name], knock on the door. (Pause.) Let me open the door to find out who's there. (Pause.) Ahh, everyone, look! It's [picture]! Let's keep looking. Maybe we can find Peter's friends. (Repeat as desired.) Look! We found Peter's friends. Let's tell them that Jesus is always with me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Say that with me. Jesus is always with me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. (Repeat.) Great job, friends! We knocked on all the doors and found Peter's friends."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "While Peter was asleep in jail, an angel woke him up! The angel said, 'Follow me.' Peter did what the angel said and followed him safely outside. After the angel left, Peter went right to his friend's house and knocked on the door. Peter told his friends everything about how an angel helped him and led him safely out. Jesus was with Peter the whole time! Wow, Jesus was always with Peter, and Jesus is always with you, too, because Jesus wants to be your friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is always with me.

**AN ANGEL HELPS PETER
ESCAPE FROM PRISON
ACTS 12:1-19**

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said,
'Come follow me.'"

MATTHEW 4:19, NCV

KEY QUESTION

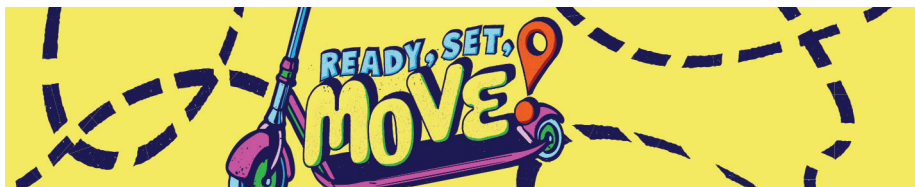
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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

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Now I need everyone to sit down. Anyone who wants to try to say that verse can give it a try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! (*Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.*) Everyone, clap for, [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.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

MEMORY VERSE

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"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 is always with us, we'll make a list of places we go. Then when we pray, we can thank Jesus for being with us in all of those places! Listen for your name. When I say your name, tell me one place you go. (*Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) Thank you for helping make this list! Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be
your friend forever?

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus is always with us. Help us remember that Jesus is with us at (*read the list the children made*). You're the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

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