



WEEK  
**ONE**  
JULY 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. JESUS IS A GIFT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Invite children to sit in a circle on the floor with you.

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a gift for everyone.

**SALVATION IS GOD'S GIFT**  
**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Call on one child to step outside of the circle to play a version of "Duck, Duck, Goose." The child will walk around the circle, tapping each child on the head as they say, "Jesus is a gift, Jesus is a gift, Jesus is a gift for everyone." When the child says, "Jesus is a gift for everyone," the child they tapped will jump up and chase the tapping child around the circle. Allow the next child to walk around, tapping heads for the next round. Assist the child who is "it" as needed. Encourage the child walking around for each round to choose a child who has not been chosen so every friend has a turn.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how Jesus is the best gift.

## MEMORY VERSE

"Walk in the way of love,  
just as Christ loved us."

**EPHESIANS 5:2, NIV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come sit in a circle on the floor with me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's play a game. It's like 'Duck, Duck, Goose,' but we'll say, 'Jesus is a gift, Jesus is a gift.' When you get to the person you want to choose, you say, 'Jesus is a gift for everyone!' (*Demonstrate.*) Ready?"

## KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be  
your friend forever?

"Okay, [child's name], I want you to step outside the circle to go first. (*Say the words with the child.*) Jesus is a gift. (*Tap.*) Jesus is a gift. (*Tap.*) Jesus is a gift for everyone! (*Tap.*) Now, both of you run around the circle. [First child's name], try to sit down in [second child's name]'s spot. [Second child's name], you run and try to catch them. Wow, that was fun! Okay [second child's name], your turn to tap. (*Continue with each child and repeat as desired.*) That was SO much fun!"

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus IS a gift for everyone. Jesus is a gift for you, EVERY DAY, because Jesus wants to be your friend forever. What a good, good friend! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

## 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, paper clip, journal, and a fun-  
shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

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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.*) Today, we'll make a list of ways Jesus loves us—things like Jesus is a good friend or Jesus is always with me or Jesus listens when I talk to Him. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

### MEMORY VERSE

"Walk in the way of love,  
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**EPHESIANS 5:2, NIV**

"Wow! Look at this list! (*Hold up journal.*) Jesus really loves us! Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus. Jesus is the best friend we could ever have. We know Jesus loves us because Jesus . . . (*read the list the children made*). Please help us go here, there, and everywhere, loving people the way Jesus loves us. In Jesus' name, amen."

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