



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayers for Friends" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, construction paper, and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Prayers for Friends" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Gather the children around the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask each child to select a piece of construction paper and place their hands with fingers splayed out flat on the page. Trace around each child's hand. Then ask each child to name one friend they would like to pray for this week and write that child's name inside or next to the handprint. Write each child's name on their paper. Set the pages out on the floor along with a parent note for pick up.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how when you pray for your friends, you are being the church.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather around the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I want you to pick a piece of paper, and I'll trace around your hand. As I'm tracing, I want you to think of one friend you would like to pray for this week. [Child's name], let's trace your hand. (Pause.) Who do you want to pray for this week? (Write name on the hand.) That is so kind. (Continue with each child.) I want you to take these home and put them somewhere as a reminder to pray for your friend this week!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can love our friends just as Jesus loves us because WE are the church! I'm so glad Jesus loves me and wants to be my friend forever. Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

BIBLE STORY

We can love just as Jesus loves us.

THE CHURCH
HEBREWS 10:23-25;
ACTS 2:42-47

MEMORY VERSE

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

EPHESIANS 5:2, 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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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" from Week One paperclipped in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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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 we can love people the way Jesus loves us. Think about all the ways we can love people. When I say your name, tell me one of them. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) Look at all the ways we can love like Jesus! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and ask God to help us do these things and love like 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 sending Jesus to love us and show us how to love others. Please help (*say each child's name*) and me (*read the list the children made*) and love like Jesus everywhere we go. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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