



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. PUDDLE JUMPING**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Puddle Jumping" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Puddle Jumping" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Arrange puddles on the floor and secure them with tape.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to jump from one puddle to another until you say: "Freeze!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, look at the floor! It's full of puddles with different emotions. Let's jump to all these fun puddles."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Come line up over here! We are going to jump from puddle to puddle. Are we ready? Let's get jumping! Okay friends, keep jumping! Keep going! Now . . . FREEZE! Oh wow, some of you are feeling happy, some of you are feeling sad—oh, someone else is feeling silly—but Jesus is always a good friend no matter how you feel! Let's go again, friends! Go! Woo-hoo! Keep jumping! Now . . . FREEZE! (Pause.) Oh friends, can you make the same face as the emotion puddle you're standing on? (Pause.) Oh, good job, friends! No matter what you feel, **Jesus is always a good friend!**" (Repeat as desired.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, jumping from puddle to puddle was so much fun! Those puddles help remind us that no matter how we are feeling, Jesus is always a good friend—no matter what. **Who is always a good friend? Jesus is always a good friend!**"

**BIBLE STORY**

Jesus is a good friend when I am **afraid**.

**PETER WALKS ON WATER**  
**MATTHEW 14:22-33**

**MEMORY VERSE**

"A friend loves you all the time."

**PROVERBS 17:17, NCV**

**KEY QUESTION**

Who is always a good friend?

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus is always a good friend.

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



WEEK  
**ONE**  
JANUARY 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and heart stickers

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a good friend when I am **afraid**.

**PETER WALKS ON WATER**  
**MATTHEW 14:22-33**

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

"Peter was afraid when he heard the wind. Everyone feels afraid sometimes. I love knowing that **Jesus is always a good friend**, because that means Jesus is a good friend when I am afraid. So, when I say your name, I will write it in our journal, and you can put a heart sticker next to your name because Jesus will always be a good friend to you when you are afraid." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

### MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you all the time."

**PROVERBS 17:17, NCV**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** (*Hold up journal.*) "Jesus will be a good friend to us when we are afraid because **Jesus is always a good friend**. And when we are afraid, we can pray to God about it. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus is a good friend when we are afraid. Help us remember that Jesus loves us all the time. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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