

January 6, 2019

Bible Focus: My friends need Jesus.

The Four Friends • *Mark 2:1-12*

Memory Verse: “You are everything I need.” Psalm 119:57, NIV

Key Question: Who do you need?

Bottom Line: I need Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Bible (Large Group, 15 minutes)

Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.

CG: *Welcome Slide (“Trustin’-N-U”)*

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 119:57.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I am so excited to see you today. It’s a brand new month with a brand new Bottom Line! Are you ready to hear it? This month we’re learning to say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I need Jesus.’** When I ask you this very important question, ‘**Who do you need?**’ you say,

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

I need Jesus.’ Let’s try it. Who do you need?”

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line] “I need Jesus.”**

HISTORYTELLER: “Yes! You guys are AMAZING! And, along with our brand new Bottom Line we have a brand new song. It’s all about praising Jesus! Are you ready to sing it with me? Everyone stand up and help me sing and dance.

SFX: *“Everybody Praise Him”*

“Great singing, everyone. I love praising Jesus with you! You need Jesus, and **[Bottom Line] I need Jesus. Who do you need?”**

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line] “I need Jesus.”**

HISTORYTELLER: “That’s right! **[Bottom Line] I need Jesus.** Our memory verse tells us that Jesus is everything we need.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

Right here in the Bible it says: *You are (point up) everything (hands out to sides) I need (point thumbs to chest), Psalm 119:57. (Open hands like a book.)* Let’s try that together.”

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: “*You are (point up) everything (hands out to sides) I need (point thumbs to chest), Psalm 119:57.*” (Open hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

HISTORYTELLER: “Great job, everyone! Yes! Each and every one of us needs Jesus.”

Introductory Sketch

CG: Intro Sketch Video

Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways

What You Need: Bible, a beach towel, a plush animal, and four preselected preschool volunteers

HISTORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you all today. I have the most amazing TRUTH to tell you straight from the Bible. (Hold up the Bible.) Remember, everything in the Bible is absolutely true.

“There was a man who lived when Jesus was on the earth. And this man had a very big problem. His legs were broken and didn’t work. He couldn’t walk anywhere. He couldn’t run or jump or work in a job. And back then, there were no doctors who could help him, and there were no wheelchairs or other cool things to help him get around.

“So all day, every day, he would sit on a mat on the ground.

(Unfold the beach towel and set the plush animal in the center.)

“But the man wasn’t alone. You see, he had some good friends. To help me with this next part, I need four friends to come help me. Let’s count our friends. One. Two. Three. Four.

“Awesome. Thanks for helping me out today, friends. So back to our Bible Truth—this man had four friends. They wanted to help their friend walk, but there was nothing they could do to help him.

“Do you know what the man really needed? The man needed Jesus. Jesus was the only one who could heal him so he could walk. And the friends knew this. So when they heard that Jesus was coming to town, they knew they needed to get their friend to Him.

“So they picked up the mat and carried their friend to the house where Jesus was teaching. *(To the four volunteers)* Okay, friends, let’s each grab a corner of the mat so we can carry our friend. *(Help the volunteers choose a corner and pick up the beach towel.)* Great job! Can you carry your friend around the room and then back here?

(Lead the volunteers to walk around the group and back to you.)

“When they go to where Jesus was, there were SO many people in the house to hear Jesus that the friends couldn’t get in. They couldn’t go through the front door. They couldn’t go through the window. So guess what. They decided to go through the roof!

“Do you think they jumped on a trampoline to get to the roof? *(Pause for responses.)* No way. Did they hold onto a bunch of balloons to float up to the roof? *(Pause for responses.)* Nope! What about a ladder? Do you think they climbed a ladder? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! Let’s all pretend to climb a ladder. Let’s climb.

(Pantomime climbing a ladder.) “Great job. Once they got up there, they dug a hole in the roof and they lowered the man down into the house with Jesus. Okay, friends, let’s lower our friend down to the floor. Scoot over, friends.

(Help the four volunteers lower the beach towel to the ground.)

“Do you think Jesus healed the man? *(Pause.)* Yes! Jesus can do anything, including healing a man whose legs wouldn’t work.

(Pick up the plush animal and make it start dancing.)

“The man was SO happy. I’m sure he danced and jumped all around. Thank you friends for helping me.

(Send volunteers back to their seats.)

“I’m so glad the man’s friends took him to Jesus! He needed Jesus, and you know what? ALL of our friends need Jesus. We can pray for them when they need help. We can tell them how much Jesus loves them and how He wants to be their friend forever. We all need Jesus. When I say, **‘Who do you need?’**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I need Jesus.’ Who do you need?’**

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “I need Jesus.”

HISTORYTELLER: “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* I need Jesus. We ALL need Jesus.

Exit Sketch

CG: *Exit Sketch Video*

Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: *“How Great is our God?”*

Bring volume down to signify prayer time.

HISTORYTELLER: “Let’s pray.

HISTORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It’s amazing how He helped the man that day. We know that we need Jesus to help us, and our friends do too. Thank You for loving us. We love You. Amen.”

Dismiss

“Well, that’s it for today. Have fun and I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.

CG: *Farewell Slide (“Trustin’-N-U”)*

MEMORY VERSE

"You are everything
I need."

PSALM 119:57, NIrV



"You are

(Point up)

everything

(Hands out to sides)

I need."

(Point thumbs to chest)

Psalm 119:57

(Open your hands like a book)
