

July 20, 2014

Theme: Clubhouse Pirate Adventure

Basic Truth: God Made Me • God Loves Me • Jesus Wants to Be My Friend Forever

Key Question: What is better than gold?

Bottom Line: The Bible is better than gold!

Memory Verse: “Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.” Psalm 119:72, NCV

Bible History Lesson: The Bible tells me Jesus wants to be my friend forever. God loved us so much He gave us Jesus. • *John 3:16*

Here’s what you’ll be teaching in 3s–5s this week.

Make It Fun (9:00, 10:20, 11:40)

All Service Times

- Pick a Move

Make It True (9:10, 10:30, 11:50)

All Service Times

- Bible History Presentation in the Sandbox

Make It Real (9:30, 10:50, 12:10)

All Service Times

- Small Group Time
- Prayer

Make It Stick (9:35, 10:55, 12:15)

9:00 & 10:20

- Where Friends Go

11:40

- The Coin and the Spoon

All Service Times

- Dismiss–Parent CUE

Make It Fun (Introductory Activities, 10 minutes)

Let one teacher lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

All Service Times

Pick a Move

“Pick a Move” is an activity that uses large motor skills that go along with today’s Bible History Lesson.

What You Need: Prepared large craft sticks and a plastic cup

What You Do:

During the activity: Instruct the children to come up one by one and pick a stick from the cup. Read the movement on the stick for the entire class, demonstrate it, and encourage the children to do the movement with you. When finished, have a different child draw a stick. Make sure every child gets a turn. Repeat as many times as desired. *(Note: If you have a larger class put the sticks back in the cup and repeat some of the movements.)*

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Aaarrrrr, it is so much fun to pretend to be pirates! I have some pirate moves right here (*hold up cup*). Let’s take turns drawing a stick and see what fun we can have!”

During the activity: “Who would like to pick a move first? (*Pause.*) Great! (*Allow child to choose a stick.*) Let’s see what pirate move we get to do together! (*Read stick.*) Oh, boy! Let’s do it! (*Do the movement.*) Great job! We look like real pirates! Who would like to go next and pick another pirate-tastic move? (*Choose a different child to pick a stick.*) Ooh! This one looks like fun! (*Do the movement.*) Aaarrrrr! You are great mateys! Let’s keep going and see what else we can do!” (*Continue until all of the children have had a turn.*)

At the end of the activity: “That was so much fun! You were all wonderful! Nice job! I love to pretend with my friends! Friends are so important. They can help you and they are great to have fun with. Today we are going to learn about someone who is EVERYONE’S best friend! Let’s get ready to hear today’s Bible History Lesson!”

Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them for a large group time that includes interactive worship, introductory sketch and Bible History Lesson. Travel to the Sandbox.

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Make It Real (Small Groups, 5 minutes)

Make It Real is designed to help preschoolers understand how the Bottom Line applies to them. They’ll discuss real-life experiences and share prayer requests.

Give each child a cup of chex mix to snack on while you take them through the following exercise.

Small Group Time

What you Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website in your Bible at Psalm 119:72. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group. Reward stickers.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): *(Hold the Bible where the children can see it)* “The Bible says [**Basic Truth**] **Jesus wants to be my friend forever**, and guess what? Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever, too! Jesus is the best friend you will ever have. He will always love you and be there for you. That is one of the best treasures in the Bible and it is WAY better than gold! **What is better than gold?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: [**Bottom Line**] “**The Bible is better than gold!**”

SGL: “It’s time to write in our prayer journal. Today we’re going to make a list of our friends, but first we’re going to write Jesus’ name at the very top because Jesus is our friend forever. *(Write “Jesus” at the top of your friend list.)* We can thank God for all of our friends when we’re done.

Write down the children’s names and what they say in your journal. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters.

“God has given us so many special friends. But the best friend God has given us is Jesus. **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Let’s thank God for all of our friends, especially Jesus!”

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for giving us so many friends! Thank You for ... *(read the list the children made)*. But most of all, thank You for our special friend, Jesus. Thank You that He always loves us and wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Make It Stick (Application Activities, 25 minutes)

These activities are designed to help preschoolers understand and remember today’s Bible History Lesson and Bottom Line.

9:00 & 10:20

Where We Go

“Where We Go” is an activity that helps the children follow directions and uses visuals to help the children understand the lesson that is being taught.

What You Need: “Where We Go” Activity Page and crayons

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child an activity page and a marker. Help the children trace the lines from the child at the top of the page to the friendship bracelet on the bottom of the page.

After the Activity: Allow the children to color the pictures.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “The Bible tells us that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever? *(Pause.)* **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Isn’t that AWESOME? *(Pause.)* I have an activity for us to do together that will help us remember that treasure.”

During the Activity: *(Give each child an activity page and a marker.)* “On the top of the page is a child just like all of you, can you put your finger on him? *(Demonstrate.)* Great! Now look at the bottom of the page. What do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes, it’s a friendship bracelet just like the one we saw in our Bible History Lesson today. What do you see in the middle of the page? *(Pause.)* LOTS of lines that are all tangled up with different things we do each day! Our job is to get the child at the top of our page through ALL of these tangled up lines *(point to the lines)* and ALL the way to the bottom of the page where the friendship bracelet is. Do you think you can do that? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s get started!” *(Guide those that need help following the lines through all of the tangles.)*

After the Activity: "You helped the child make it through all of those crazy lines to the friendship bracelet at the bottom of the page! Great job! That friendship bracelet remind us that Jesus is ALWAYS with us no matter what we're doing like brushing our teeth (*point to picture of child brushing their teeth*) or where we go like going to school (*point to picture*). Jesus is ALWAYS with us, and will ALWAYS be our friend! Who wants to be your friend forever? (*Pause.*) **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Now you may color the pictures."

11:40

The Coin and the Spoon

"The Coin and the Spoon" is a fine motor skill activity that uses balance and concentration to complete a task.

What You Need: 2 large serving spoons, 2 large bowls, 2 plastic gold coins, and masking tape

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place two lines next to each other about five feet apart to be your starting lines. Place a bowl about 10 feet in front of each starting line.

During the activity: Divide the children into two teams. Have each team line up behind a starting line and give the first child in line a spoon with a coin on it. Have the child walk with the coin on the spoon and place it in the bowl. If the child drops the coin, help him place it back on the spoon and continue down to the bowl. After the child has dropped the coin in the bowl have him quickly walk back to his line and give the spoon to the next child in line. That child will take the spoon to the bowl, put the coin on it, and carry it back to the line. Continue the activity until every child in each line has had a turn. Repeat as many times as desired.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Let's play a game! We have been pretending to be pirates, and pirates like gold! So let's be pirates and move our treasure!"

During the activity: "We will need two teams. (*Divide the children into teams.*) Each team will line up at their starting line. (*Help teams line up.*) The first person will carry the treasure (*hold up gold coin*) on the spoon to the treasure chest (*point to the bowls*) and drop it in. After you put the gold into the treasure chest, quickly walk back to your team, and give the next person the spoon. After you pass off the spoon, go to the end of the line. The next person will go to the treasure chest (*hold up bowl*) and pick up the gold and bring it back on the spoon. Let's see if we can all work together and get our treasure! Be sure to cheer your teammates on! Let's play!" (*Repeat as many times as desired.*)

At the end of the activity: “Great job! I love how you cheered on your friends. It is so much fun to come to church and play games with your friends. The Bible tells us that Jesus wants to be our friend, too. **What is better than gold?** (Pause.) Yes! **[Bottom Line] The Bible is better than gold!**”

Get Ready to Dismiss

Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them that this month preschoolers are learning that **[Bottom Line] the Bible is better than gold!** Encourage parents to repeat the Bottom Line at home and help their child understand that **[Bottom Line] the Bible is better than gold!**

Have this month’s Parent CUE available for parents to pick up or send it in a monthly email. Encourage parents to use the activities found in Parent CUE to reinforce this month’s Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] The Bible is better than gold!**