



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. FRIEND TO FRIEND

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children in an open area of the room.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH
JOHN 21:1-14

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Count to three and encourage children to find a friend and do a movement together such as elbow to elbow or a high five, etc. with each other and say, "Jesus wants to be my friend forever." Repeat moving to different friends. End with everyone in a circle and shout, "**Jesus is alive!**"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus told His friends He loved them, and He would always be their friend forever and ever.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In today's Bible story, Jesus wanted His friends to know that He is alive and He would be their friend forever. Let's play a game with our friends to celebrate that Jesus is alive and wants to be our friend forever, too!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When I count to three, find a friend and do a movement together like elbow to elbow (*demonstrate*) or a high five. (*Demonstrate.*) Then say, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever.' Ready? One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Awesome! When I count to three, find a new friend. Ready? One, two, three! (*Repeat as desired.*) You did a great job of finding different friends to do movements with. I have one more movement for us to do, and we'll all do it together. Stand in a circle with me. When I count to three this time, I want you to jump and shout, '**Jesus is alive!**' Everyone ready? One (*Hold one finger up.*), two (*Hold two fingers up.*), three. (*Hold three fingers up.*) **Jesus is alive!** Yay! Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus went away and came back, just like He said He would. Jesus told His friends that He loved them and that He would always be their friend. Forever and ever. Jesus loves YOU so much and He wants to be YOUR friend too. FOREVER and ever! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive.** One more time. **Who is alive? Jesus is alive.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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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" paperclipped in Bible, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and smiley face stickers

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Today, our Bible story was about Jesus showing His friends that **Jesus is alive** and will be their friend forever. But Jesus doesn't want to just be the disciples' friend forever. Jesus wants to be everyone's friend forever! That means Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever!

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH JOHN 21:1-14

"I'll write 'Jesus wants to be our friend forever' at the top of this page in our journal. When I say you're your name, I will write it on this page. Then you can put a smiley face sticker by your name because it makes us happy knowing that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! *(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

MEMORY VERSE

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REVELATION 1:18, NIV

"Look at all of the happy faces in our journal! Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend for ever and ever. I pray that each person here will choose to follow Jesus and be His friend. We love You, God! In Jesus' name, amen."

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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