

WEEK TWO APRIL 2024 SMALL GROUP **3-5** YEAR -OLDS

| PRELUDE | SOCIAL | WORSHIP | STORY | GROUPS | НОМЕ | |
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| | | | CREAT | CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES | | |

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to tell others about Him.

GREAT COMMISSION MATTHEW 28:18-20

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



3. MAIL ALL OVER THE WORLD [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Mail All Over the World" and "Ollie Stickers" Activity Pages, cardstock, Avery® Labels #6450 or equivalent, washable markers, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Mail All Over the World" on cardstock and cut, one postcard per child. Copy "Ollie Stickers" on label paper, one sticker per child. Set the postcards and markers on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a postcard. Point to where the Bottom Line is written and say it out loud. Encourage children to decorate their postcards as you walk around the table and ask each child to name a friend they want to send this message to. Write that name above the Bottom Line. Ask children to place an "Ollie Sticker" in the spot where a stamp would go. Put aside to send home.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, have you ever received a postcard in the mail? Did you know you can mail postcards all over the world? It's true! Right here on our postcard, it says, (*point*) **'I can do what Jesus says.'** We can use these postcards to tell others that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! Because Jesus says to tell others about Him!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the markers to decorate your postcards. Do you have a friend you'd like to send this postcard to? Tell me your friend's name when I come around the table, and I'll write it on your card. We also need to add a special Ollie sticker right here where the stamp would go. You can add that to your postcard. (*Pause.*) Yay! Your postcards look great."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus says to tell others about Him! We can do what Jesus says. Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says! One more time: Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!"



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

Now it's time to write in our prayer journal and talk to God, so let's sit down. (Open journal.) Today, we're going to make a list of people we can go and tell about Jesus. When I say your name, tell me the name of one person, and I will write it in our journal. (Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all of these people! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use our list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, You are the BEST! Thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us to go and tell (*read the list the children made*) that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We want to do what Jesus says and shine our light! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."