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Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Who is there when you need Him?

Bottom Line: Jesus is there when I need Him.

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

Bible Story Focus: I can ask Jesus for help.

The Lepers • *Luke 17:11-19*

Make It Fun

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as Your 5&6 year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

1. Come Back

"Come Back" is an activity that helps the children visualize a key concept in today's Bible story.

What You Need: Medium-sized ball and a wall

(Note: If you do not have a wall in your space, you can use a table turned on its side instead.)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in a straight line in front of the wall.

During the Activity: Give the first child in line the ball and ask him to roll it against the wall. Encourage the child to catch the ball when it bounces back.

After the Activity: Continue with the activity until each child in line has had a turn.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to roll the ball against the wall. What do you think it will do when it hits the wall? *(Pause.)* Yes! It will come back!"

During the Activity: "When the ball comes back, catch it, and give it to the next person in line so they can have a turn. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Here we go!"

After the Activity: "Great job catching the ball when it came back! In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about some people who came back too! I cannot wait to find out where they went! Are you ready to hear a TRUE story from the Bible?"

2. Count the Boo-Boos

“Count the Boo-Boos” is an activity that uses counting skills to introduce today’s Bible story.

What You Need: “Count My Boo-Boos” Activity Page, and red pom-poms

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Count My Boo-Boos”. Place the red pom-poms in the center of the tables.

During the Activity: Hand out an Activity Page to each child participating in the activity. Point out each of the men and count the boo-boos together. Encourage the children to place a red pom-pom on each of the boo-boos and count them again.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Take a look at the men on your page. It looks like they have some boo-boos. Let’s count their boo-boos together. *(Point to each man and count together.)* Now let’s place some red pom-poms to show their boo-boos and count them again.”

After the Activity: “Great job counting the boo-boos! In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about some men who had some really painful boo-boos. But I think there is someone who can help them! You’ll find out soon!”

3. Morning and Night

“Morning and Night” is an activity that opens up conversation between the SGL and the children about the monthly theme.

What You Need: “Morning and Night” Activity Page, white paper, wall tape, large piece of butcher paper, scissors, and a black marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Morning and Night” Activity Page onto the white paper. Cut the page in half along the dotted line. Hang the butcher paper vertically on a wall. Draw a line down the middle of the butcher paper, dividing it into two equal parts. Tape the picture of the sun on the top of one side of the butcher paper and the picture of the moon and stars on the top of the other side.

During the Activity: Have the children sit in front of the butcher paper. Ask the children to name things that they do during the day, like play outside, go to school, etc. As the children answer, write the answers down in the column under the picture of the sun. Next, ask the children to name things they do at night, such as put on pajamas, sleep, etc. Write these answers under the picture of the moon and stars. Review the answers in each column.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are talking about TIME this month! I love that Jesus is there when I need Him ALL THE TIME!”

During the Activity: “I have a chart here that has a picture of daytime (*point to sun*) and a picture of nighttime (*point to picture of moon and stars*). Let’s talk about daytime first. Can you tell me some of the things that you do during the day? (*Write answers.*) Great answers! Can you tell me some things that you do at nighttime? (*Write answers.*) That is right! We do different things at different times of the day.” (*Review answers.*)

After the Activity: “No matter what time it is, Jesus is always there when we need Him—all the time! Today in our Bible story, there are people who REALLY need Jesus’ help. Let’s get ready to find out how Jesus helped them!”

Make It Stick

These activities are designed to help preschoolers understand and remember today’s Bible story and Bottom Line. Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. Bandage Verse

“Bandage Verse” is an activity that gives the children a visual reminder of the Bible story as they repeat today’s memory verse.

What You Need: Red dot stickers (1 per child), BAND-AIDs® (1 per child)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Place a red dot sticker on each child’s hand as their “boo-boo.” Say the memory verse together to review. Then go around the circle and have the children take turns saying the verse. When each child finishes, give him a BAND-AID to cover up the boo-boo.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Our memory verse this month is Psalm 119:57 and it says: *You are everything I need.* We’ve talked about what a need is. A need is something that’s necessary to live, like water. In our Bible story today, what did the men with boo-boos need? (*Pause.*) Yes, they needed someone to help make them better. And Jesus did make them better!

“I have some red dots for you. These will be your ‘boo-boos.’ When you say the verse, I’ll give you a BAND-AID to cover up your boo-boo. Let’s say our verse together again. *You are everything I need, Psalm 119.57.*”

After the Activity: “Great job, everyone! Jesus helped the men in our Bible story today. He gave them exactly what they needed by healing their boo-boos. And Jesus will always help us and give us what we need too. He is always there when I need Him.

Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him.”

2. Boo-Boos

“Boo-Boos” is an activity that allows the children to re-enact today’s Bible story while it is being retold to them.

What You Need: A long sleeved shirt for the SGL and red dot stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask the children to place red dot stickers all over the SGL’s arms (on top of the shirt).

During the Activity: Retell the Bible story, and as you are telling the story, remove the dots one by one.

After the Activity: Dispose of all of the dots in the wastebasket.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “The men in our story today were very sick! They had sores on their bodies just like this (*put a red dot on your arm*). Can you help me put more dots on my arms, so I can tell you the story?” (*Pause.*)

During the Activity: “Thank you for your help. Now you can sit down. Our story today was about many men who had a problem. They were sick! They had sores on their bodies and they had to leave their homes and families so no one else would get sick. Poor men! They needed help. Do you remember who helped them? (*Pause.*) You got it! Jesus helped them! (*Begin taking off the stickers.*) Jesus healed the men and they got to go back to their families!” (*Finish removing stickers.*)

After the Activity: “Jesus helped the men when they needed Him by healing them. We need to remember that He will help us too! Tell me: **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him!**”

3. What’s Your Favorite?

“What’s Your Favorite?” is an activity that uses questions and answers to review today’s Bottom Line.

What You Need: A 3-foot piece of butcher paper, a marker, and wall tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Use the tape to hang the butcher paper on the wall in an open area of the room at a child’s eye level. Write the following questions on the butcher paper. Make sure to leave enough space below each question for the children’s answers.

What is your favorite color?

What is your favorite food?
What is your favorite toy?
Who is in your family?
Who in your family helps you?
Who is there when you need Him?

During the Activity: Ask the children the questions on the butcher paper and record their answers below each question. As you lead the children through the questions, the goal is to get to the last one, so you can talk about this month's Bottom Line. Make sure every child has a chance to answer.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Look at my paper. Do you see these words? (*Point.*) They are questions that I want to ask you! I'll read the question out loud and then I'll call on you to answer. Are you ready?"

After the Activity: "This was fun! I learned some new things about each of you from the questions we asked today. But the most important question is the one at the bottom. It's the question we've been asking all month long. **Who is there when you need Him?** That's right. You can always count on Jesus to be there for you—all the time! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him.**"

4. Wrap Them Up

"Wrap Them Up" is an activity that uses large motor skills and teamwork to reinforce the concept of today's Bible story.

(Photo Op: If you take pictures of the children during class for parents to see, or to post on social media, this is a fun activity to photograph. Be sure you always have parental permission to post pictures of children on social media.)

What You Need: Several rolls of toilet paper

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Divide the children into groups of two or three.

During the Activity: Give each group a roll of toilet paper and encourage them to "bandage" a person in their group. Help them roll the paper around the child's body like a bandage. Make sure each child in every group has a turn to be "bandaged."

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "In our story today, there were men who had sore on their bodies. I bet that really hurt. And I bet they had to wear bandages."

During the Activity: “Let’s be silly and ‘bandage’ each other! (*Hold up toilet paper.*) These are our bandages. (*Divide the children in groups and give them the paper.*) Make sure to wrap the paper all around. Great job!”

After the Activity: “That was so silly! You did a great job bandaging each other. This silly activity reminds us that Jesus is always there when we need Him! Just like He helped the men in our story, He will help us too. You just need to ask Him! **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him!**”

5. Craft Stick Man

“Craft Stick Man” is an activity that uses creativity and fine motor skills to review today’s Bible story.

What You Need: Jumbo craft sticks, red dot stickers, BAND-AIDs, “Lepers Story Label” Activity Page, Avery® labels #5160 or equivalent

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Leper Story Label” onto the labels so that each child has one. Place a craft stick, red dot stickers, a label, and a BAND-AID at each child’s seat.

During the Activity: Talk about the men who met Jesus that were sick with boo-boos. Ask the children to place all their red dot stickers on ONE side of the craft stick man. Then ask them to flip their craft stick man over to the opposite side and place the BAND-AID on one end and the “Leper Story Label” on the other.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “In our Bible story today, we learned about some men who were very sick. They had a lot of boo-boos. Let’s put these red dots on one side of our craft sticks to show the boo-boos. (*Pause and help children that need assistance.*) Great job! Who helped the sick men in our story today? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus helped them. Let’s turn our craft sticks over and place the BAND-AID on one end and the label on the other end.” (*Demonstrate.*)

After the Activity: “Your craft stick men look awesome! Great job, everyone! You can take these home and tell your mom or dad or grandma or brother or sister about what we learned today. Jesus was there to help the men who had boo-boos. And Jesus is there when we need Him too! **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him.**”