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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.

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Make It Fun

Prepare to offer the following activities as your 3&4year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead small groups of children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

1. Roll the Ball

"Roll the Ball" is an activity that teaches teamwork and patience while introducing the concept of "coming back."

What You Need: Several medium-sized rubber balls

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Divide the children into pairs. Have the children sit across from each other about six feet apart.

During the Activity: Give each pair of children a ball. Encourage the children to roll the ball to one another.

After the Activity: Be sure to say the words "come back" as you explain the activity.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to do a fun activity today! Everyone pick a friend to be your partner." (*Divide the children into pairs and have them sit across from each other.*)

During the Activity: (*Give one child from each pair a ball.*) "Gently roll the ball to your friend. Then the friend will roll it BACK to you. Be ready to catch the ball when it COMES BACK to you!"

After the Activity: "Good job working together to make the ball COME BACK to one another. In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about someone who got to COME BACK too! I cannot wait to find out how!"

2. Boo-Boo Bear

“Boo-Boo Bear” is an activity that teaches shape recognition and following directions while introducing a key concept of today’s Bible story.

What You Need: “Boo-Boo” Activity Page, small BAND-AIDs®, and a marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Boo-Boo” Activity Page. Provide one page per participant. Keep the BAND-AIDs in their wrappers. With the black marker, draw a shape on the top of each BAND-AIDs. Each participant will need three BAND-AIDs: one with a circle, one with a triangle, and one with a square.

During the Activity: Give children access to the Activity Page and BAND-AIDs. Help the children match the shape on the BAND-AIDs to the same shape on the bear. Encourage the children to place the corresponding BAND-AIDs over the matching shape. Continue with the activity until all three BAND-AIDs are on the bear. Then, slide them off and do it again. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Oh no! (*Hold up Activity Page.*) This is Boo-Boo Bear! He has boo-boos. He has a circle boo-boo, a triangle boo-boo, and a square boo-boo.” (*Point.*)

During the Activity: (*Give the children the BAND-AIDs.*) “We need to put BAND-AIDs on Boo-Boo Bear. Can you find a BAND-AID with a triangle on it? (*Pause.*) Great job! Now we can put that BAND-AID over the triangle boo-boo.” (*Do activity and repeat with other two shapes.*)

After the Activity: “Great job! I bet Boo-Boo Bear feels much better now. It is no fun to have a boo-boo. In our story today there is a man who has lots of boo-boos! Let’s get ready to hear the story and find out who helps him!”

3. I Am a Doctor

“I Am a Doctor” is an activity that encourages the children to role-play a key part in the upcoming Bible story.

What You Need: A toy doctor’s kit and baby dolls

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the dolls and the doctor kit in the activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to play with the kit and pretend to be doctors. Explain that the dolls are feeling sick and ask the children to pretend to care for them.

After the Activity: Introduce today's Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Uh-oh! I think we may have some sick baby dolls in our room today." (*Point to the dolls.*)

During the Activity: "Here is a doctor kit. Let's all pretend to be doctors and help our babies feel better!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! I think the babies are feeling much better now! There is a man in our story today who is not feeling well either. Let's get ready to hear our TRUE story from the Bible and find out who makes him feel better!"

Make It Stick

Choose the following activities to help make the Bottom Line stick. Lead the activities with small groups of children. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

1. Lead Me to Jesus

"Lead Me to Jesus" is an activity that teaches critical thinking and following directions while reinforcing the memory verse.

What You Need: "Lead Me to Jesus" Activity Page, any color yarn, wall/floor tape, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Lead Me to Jesus" Activity Page. Tape the Activity Page on a wall in the activity area. Be sure to hang the picture low enough that the children can reach it. Cut a piece of yarn about 15 feet long. Tape one end of the yarn to the picture of Jesus. Continue taping the yarn down the wall and to the floor. The yarn should extend about 8-10 feet out onto the floor. It should look like a pathway to follow to Jesus. Cut four more pieces of yarn the same length. Do the same thing by creating another path in a different direction but still leading back to Jesus. When you are finished, you should have five paths leading to Jesus. Be sure to tape the yarn down well, so that the children do not get tangled in it.

During the Activity: Say the memory verse as a class. Challenge the children to choose a path and walk on it to go to Jesus. When the children get to Jesus, say the verse. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together. *You are everything I need,* Psalm 119:57."

During the Activity: “Great job! There is a picture of Jesus on the wall (*point*). Jesus is all that we need. Can you pick a piece of string and follow it to Jesus? We can say our memory verse when we get to Jesus! (*Do activity.*) Great job! Let’s say our verse ONE MORE TIME! *You are everything I need*, Psalm 119:57. Perfect!”

After the Activity: “Our memory verse tells us that Jesus is everything that we need. He will always be there for us when we need Him. **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him!**”

2. Healed

What You Need: BAND-AIDSs and heart stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children sit in front of you.

During the Activity: Place a BAND-AID on each child’s arm. Retell the Bible story. When you are finished, help the child take off the BAND-AID. Replace the BAND-AIDS with a heart sticker and tell the children that Jesus heals.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “In our Bible story today, we learned about some men who had many, many boo-boos and had to leave their families and homes.”

During the Activity: (*Place a BAND-AID on each child’s arm.*) “Poor men! They needed help! Do you remember who helped them? (*Pause.*) You got it! Jesus helped them! (*Begin taking off the BAND-AIDS.*) Jesus healed the men and they got to go back to their families! Yay! (*Finish taking them off.*) Then they did not have any more boo-boos! (*Put a heart sticker on each child.*) The men were so happy that Jesus healed them!”

After the Activity: “Jesus gives us what we need, just like He gave the men what they needed by healing their boo-boos. He is always there when we need Him. **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him!**”

3. Jesus Heals

What You Need: “Heals” Activity Page, and BAND-AIDS

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Heals” Activity Page. Each child needs one copy. Remove the BAND-AIDS from the wrappers.

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and three BAND-AIDS. Encourage the children to look for the three red dots on the man in the picture.

After the Activity: Help the children place BAND-AIDs on top of the red dots.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Uh-oh! It looks like the man in our picture has boo-boos like the men in our story today!” (*Point to picture.*)

During the Activity: (*Give each child an Activity Page.*) “Can you look and find three boo-boos on the man? (*Pause.*) Very good! (*Give the children the BAND-AIDs.*) We can put BAND-AIDs on the boo-boos to help the man feel better!” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Nice work! It was nice to help the man by giving him BAND-AIDs, but only Jesus can take the boo-boos away! He gives us what we need! He is always there when we need Him! **Who is there when you need Him? [Bottom Line] Jesus is there when I need Him!**”