

2 Year Old - Butterfly

June 11, 2019



Bible Story: David & Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 1 Samuel 20

Main Point: I will be a good friend

Faith Word: Care

Bible Words: "A friend loves at all time"
Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A Good Friend Sticks With You No Matter What

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Camera (optional)
- Welcome activity
- Scarves
- CD Player & CD
- Preschooler's Bible
- Potato Friends with ears
- People die cuts
- Crayons & tape
- Bubbles
- CD Player & CD

Welcome...the children and invite them to do the welcome bin activity. When they are done they can go to the exploration centers located throughout the room. (See "Exploration Ideas" in your resource packet)

Friendship Circle

Put out the carpet circles and have the children join you on the floor for friendship circle.

SUPPLIES—Scarves, CD Player & CD

SAY Hello friends, my name is _____, and I am so glad you are here again today at Vacation Bible Camp. Let's start with our friendship circle where we get to know our VBC friends. Remember to stand up when I call your name.

(To the Tune of Ten Little Indians)

**"I know a girl/boy whose name is _____
Stand up _____, Sit down _____
Because God loves you!"**

SAY We are going to have so much fun this week getting to know our friends in the green butterfly room. Let's pretend to be a butterfly

(stand up and have children pretend to be a butterfly and say this chant)

Butterfly, butterfly turn around	<i>(turn around)</i>
Butterfly, butterfly touch the ground	<i>(touch the ground)</i>
Butterfly, butterfly clap 1, 2	<i>(clap two times)</i>
Butterfly, butterfly God loves you	<i>(give yourself a hug)</i>

SAY This week we are on a special mission to be good friends just like Jesus was. We are friends when we use our words and actions to show others we care. If you are ready to be a good friend wave your hands in the air. *(wave hands)*. I cannot wait to see what we will learn today!

DO Give everyone a scarf.

SAY Jesus loves you when you are tall.	<i>(wave scarf high in the air)</i>
Jesus loves you when you are small.	<i>(wave scarf at feet)</i>
Jesus loves you when you jump.	<i>(jump with scarf)</i>
Jesus loves you when you sit.	<i>(put scarf on ground and sit on it)</i>

DO Say characteristics of children. If it is true for them they can jump up and wave their scarf in the air. Say things such as: Jesus loves you when you wear red, Jesus loves you if you have a sister, Jesus loves you if you like to sing, etc. End with Jesus loves everyone! Then turn on some music and let the children celebrate by dancing with their scarves.

Bible Story Exploration

Supplies — Preschoolers Bible, the potato friends

DO Sing the following song as you tap children on the shoulder and have them join your friendship train. Have them follow you around the room and end up in a circle where there is some space.

(sing to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb)

*Will you be a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine
Will you be a friend of mine, then come and join our train.*

SAY Does anyone know what this book is called? *(Hold up Bible)* That's right it is called the Bible and is full of amazing stories that teach us how to live. I am looking for a few amazing kids to help me be good friends just like Jesus was. Do you think you can help me out? *(pause)* Wave your hands in the air if you can help out? *(wave hands)* **Awesome!**

DO Put the box of potato friends in the middle of the circle. One at a time say the following chant and let that child get their friend out of the box

*(name of child), (name of child) will you be
A friend to everyone you see?*

SAY We are working together to be a good friend to everyone we meet this week. Our Bible story today is about two boys David & Jonathan and how they were good friends to each other. Let's put on our listening ears and see what we can learn about being good friends.

READ pages 30160-163 in the Preschooler's Bible

SAY David & Jonathan listened to each other and treated each other kindly even when it was hard. Jesus wants each of you to be good friends too. Let's practice being good friends right now by spending time with our potato friends.

DO Have the children and their potato friend line up behind one of the leader. Play follow the leader around the room doing different actions.

Praise & Worship Time

Tree House Park B129

Small Group Exploration

During this time go through two or three of the activities listed below. Please do as many of the activities that will work best for the children in your classroom.

Creation Center — Friendship Chain

Supplies — people die cut, crayons, tape

SAY Jesus wants us to be a good friend and stick with them no matter what.

DO Give each child a people die cut and have them decorate like themselves. Tape the people die cuts together to make a big friendship chain. Be sure that each leader makes a die cut of themselves too.

TALK ABOUT...Who are some of your friends? How can you be a good friend?

Game Center—Listening Ears

SAY We are a good friend when we spend time with our friends and we listen to them. Let's see how well you listen today.

DO Say an action for the children to do like clap 3 times, jump up and down 5 times, turn in a circle if you are a girl, give a friend a high five, etc.

Music Center—Friendship Celebration

Supplies—CD Player & CD

SAY I am so excited that we get to meet new friends this week at Bible Camp. Let's have some fun with our friends right now with a friendship dance!

DO turn on the music and let the children dance with their potato friends

Movement Center—Love Pop

Supplies — Bubbles

ASK Who are your friends?

DO Blow some bubbles and have the kids try to pop them. Every time they pop a bubble have them say someone that is their friend. You can also practice being friends by taking turns popping bubbles. You could everyone wearing red pop a bubble, then anyone who has a sister pop a bubble, etc.

Closing Activities & Free Play

Use the closing activity bin in your classroom or the ideas provided for you on the "Closing Activities Ideas" page in your resource packet.