

2 Year Old—butterfly

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Bible Story: Naomi & Ruth

Ruth 1 & 2

Main Point: I will be a good friend

Faith Word: Share

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

A Good Friend Puts Others First

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Camera (optional)
- Welcome activity
- Scarves
- CD Player & CD
- Preschoolers 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 today being good friends in our 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 — Rhyme 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 Ruth and Naomi 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 144-147 in the Preschooler's Bible

SAY Ruth went with Naomi even though it meant leaving her family. But she didn't want Naomi to be alone. Jesus wants each of you to be good friends too. If you can do that let's stand up with your puppy

If you can be a friend—turn around in a circle.

If you can be a friend—clap 3 times

If you can be a friend—toss your puppy in the air and catch him

If you can be a friend—jump up and down

Continue with other 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 — Potato Friend Home

Supplies — pizza boxes, paper, glue sticks, crayons, stickers, hearts to add to Potato friend

SAY Ruth decided to be a good friend and go and live with Naomi in her home. Let's be good friends and make a home for our Potato friends.

DO Give each child a box and set out the decorating supplies on the tables. Encourage them to decorate the outside of the box. When they are done have them place their Potato friends in their new box homes and then give them a heart to stick to their Potato to remind them that a good friend treats others with love.

TALK ABOUT... Who are some of your friends? How can you show love for your friends?

Movement Center – Roll the ball

Supplies — Ball

SAY Jesus loves each and every one of you. He loves name of each child. Let's roll the ball to all of our friends.

DO Roll the ball to a child and say, **Jesus loves name of child** then have them roll the ball back to you. Roll the ball to a different child and say **Jesus loves name of child**.

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

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.