

2 Year Old—Butterfly

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Bible Story: Nathaniel & Philip

John 1:43-49

Main Point: I will be a good friend

Faith Word: Jesus

Bible Words: "A friend loves at all time"

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A Good Friend Tells Others About Jesus

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Welcome activity
- Scarves
- CD Player & CD
- Bible
- Potato Friends with mouths
- Cups with bottom cut out
- Stickers & labels
- 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 excited to see everyone again today. I cannot believe that today is the last day of Vacation Bible Camp. What are you looking forward to doing today? Let's start today by saying hello to our friends. Remember to stand up when we 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 We have made some good friends this week at Bible Camp. 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 — Bible, the potato friends with mouth added

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 This week we are working together to be a good friend to everyone we meet this week. Our Bible story today is about Philip and how he was a friend by telling Nathaniel about Jesus. Let's put on our listening ears and see what we can learn about being good friends.

READ pages 308-313 in the Beginners Bible

SAY What a great friend Philip was! And what great friends each of you have been this week. Jesus wants each of you to keep being good friends! Let's be good friends right now by teaching our potato friends a couple of things.

Point to one of your friends and wave to them

Point to one of your teachers and say "thank you!!"

Point to one of your favorite things to do in our green butterfly class

Point to your eyes and remember to be on the lookout for new friends

Point to everyone and on the count of 3 say, "Jesus loves you!"

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 — Tell Others

Supplies — cup with bottom cut out, stickers, label

SAY We learned that a good friend will tell others about Jesus. And how Jesus wants to be their friend. Who could you tell about Jesus?

DO Give each child a cup and a label. Have them put the label on the cup and then decorate with the stickers.

TALK ABOUT... Who are you going to tell about Jesus? What are you going to tell them about Jesus? How are you going to be a good friend today?

Game Center—I Love Jesus

Supplies—cups they made, CD Player & CD

SAY Jesus wants us to be good friends and tell other about Jesus.

DO Have the children gather in a circle on the floor with their Potato Friends. Stand in the middle of the circle and say the following chant using your cup. At the end point to a friend and then let them come to the middle of the circle and say the chant again.

I love Jesus,

Yes I do

I love Jesus

How about you? (point to a friend)

DO After everyone has had a turn. Turn on some music and have a fun friendship dance party. If you want you can play freeze dance and when you turn off the music have them say, "I love Jesus!"

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.