



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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25 MINUTES

**TALK
ABOUT GOD**
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

BIBLE STORY

I spy someone Jesus loves,
no matter what.

PETER'S DENIAL
LUKE 22:54-62;
JOHN 21:15-19;
EPHESIANS 2:8-9

MEMORY VERSE

"These are written so that you
may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God."

JOHN 20:31, NLV

KEY QUESTION

Who can believe in Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can believe in Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend
forever.

2. I SPY THE LIFE OF JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Large Bible Story Images" and "Small Bible Story Images"
Activity Pages; cardstock; and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Large Bible Story Images" onto cardstock, one
set of images per small group. Copy "Small Bible Story Images" onto cardstock
and cut apart, one page per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children to sit in a circle in your activity
area. Pass out a set of "Small Bible Story Images" to each child. Sit in the circle
with the children with a set of "Large Bible Story Images." Hold up each image
and identify what's happening in each picture. Work with the children to put the
pictures in story order. Encourage the children to lay their set of images on the
floor in front of them in story order.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Gather the sets of images from children and set aside for
pick up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me! Let's sit in a circle and talk
about today's Bible story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, lay your pictures out on the floor in front of
you. Do you see the numbers at the bottom of each picture? Can you put them in
order: 1, 2, 3, 4? I have a set of the same pictures. Let's look at each picture from
the story and talk about what's happening.

(Hold up Image #1.) "I see Peter and Jesus in this picture. What are they doing?
(Pause.) Yes, fishing! Peter and Jesus were friends and spent a lot of time
together.

(Hold up Image #2.) "Peter was standing around the fire with a group of people.
When someone asked Peter if he knew Jesus, what did he say? *(Pause.)* That's
right, he said, 'No.'

(Hold up Image #3.) "Jesus is looking at Peter, and Peter looks sad. Why was
Peter sad? *(Pause.)* Peter was sad because he had said that he was not Jesus'
friend.

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(Hold up Image #4.) "Peter and Jesus are on the beach, and they're smiling! After Jesus died on the cross, He came back! He talked with Peter, and Peter knew that even though he'd messed up, Jesus STILL loved him, no matter what."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job, friends! Peter learned that Jesus loved him, no matter what! Guess what? Jesus loves us, too. I spy lots and lots of friends who Jesus loves. He wants to be our friend forever. Peter went on to tell everyone that Jesus is God's son and that He wants to be our friend forever. He helped so many people believe in Jesus. And we can, too! Tell me, **who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus.**"