

February Weeks 1 and 2



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OVERVIEW CARD

I Need Jesus

Key Question:

Who do you need?

Bottom Line:

I need Jesus.

Memory Verse:

"You are everything I need."

Psalm 119:57 NlrV

Bible Story Focus:

Jesus has the power to help my friends.

The Four Friends

Mark 2:1-12

Coloring Page:

Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Music:

Life with Jesus

Praise the Lord Everyday

Wherever/Whatever

Bible Lesson:

God's Story for Me Bible

Friends Help a Lame Man

Pages 330 to 335

Story:

My Friend Bear

by Jez Alborough

Service Time:

71 minutes (week 1)

71 minutes (week 2)

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ACTIVITY 1

I Need Jesus

I Need Jesus Hop

What You Need: 4 Hula hoops, 4 red hearts, one big heart, clear packing tape, and scissors.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Cut the hearts out of red cardstock paper. Tape the heart cutouts to the floor. Place a hula hoop around each heart cutout. Place the big red heart at the end and tape it to the floor.

During the activity: Direct the children to line up in front of the hula hoops and have them jump on a heart as you say each word of the key question and then jump to the big heart as you say the Bottom Line together.

What You Say:

“Stand in front of the hearts. As I say each word, you jump to the next heart, ready? Who (jump) do (jump) you (jump) need (jump)? I need Jesus. (Jump to the big heart.) Who do you need? I need Jesus. Great jumping! Let’s do it again!

In our Bible lesson, we learned that Jesus wants us to help each other, just like the four men in our lesson did. They carried their friend to see Jesus so He could make the friend walk again ... and He did! They knew their friend needed Jesus. But guess what! He’s not the only one who needs Jesus. We need Jesus, too! **Who do you need? (Pause.) I need Jesus!**”

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ACTIVITY 2

I Need Jesus

Four Friends Play-Doh

What You Need: Play-Doh, rolling pins and people shaped cookie cutters

What You Do:

Show the children how to roll the Play-Doh out flat and then allow them to choose one cookie cutter from the basket. While playing, talk about who are their friends and how can they help them.

What You Say:

During the activity: “Let’s go around the table and you can all show me the friends you made today. Can you tell me the name of your friend and how you can help them? Wow, those are some great ideas.”

At the end of the activity: (Make four friends out of Play-Doh) “How many friends do I have? *(Pause.)* Let’s count them together. One, two, three, four! Four friends. Let’s count again to be sure...One, two, three, four! Yep! Four friends! Our Bible lesson today was about four friends. They carried one of their other friends all the way to see Jesus so Jesus could help him. This friend really needed Jesus! Do you remember what happened?”

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ACTIVITY 3

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Say and Jump

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the activity: Have the children stand in a circle and hold hands. Practice saying the verse together.

During the activity: Explain that everyone will say the verse four times together and then jump four times. Repeat this several times.

At the end of the activity: Challenge the children to keep doing the activity, and try to get faster each time.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Let’s all stand in a circle and hold hands. Do you remember our memory verse from last week? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s practice it one time together. ‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57. Awesome!”

During the activity: “Now, while we are holding hands, let’s say our verse FOUR times, and then we are going to jump FOUR times! Are you ready? *(Pause.)* ‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57. *(Repeat three times.)* Now JUMP! *(Jump four times with the children.)* Perfect! Let’s do it again!”

At the end of the activity: “Let’s do it again, but this time let’s see how fast we can do it. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Whew! You sure are fast! Our verse tells us that Jesus is EVERYTHING that we need! We all NEED Jesus! **Who do you need?** *(Pause.)* **I need Jesus!**”

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ACTIVITY 4

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Floor Shapes Relay Race

What You Need: Masking tape, 16 stuffed animals (2 sets), a large basket to hold the animals, and a timer with a buzzer

What You Do:

Before the activity: Make two sets of four large shapes on floor with tape—square, triangle, rectangle, and diamond.

During the activity: Place all of the stuffed animals in the baskets. Review the shapes on the floor. Tell the children you are going to call out one or more shapes. Their job is to carry four friends from the basket and place them inside the shapes you call out before the timer goes off. (You can decide how much time you want to give them.) Once the timer goes off, ask the children to carry their friends back to the basket so you can play again. Continue playing as long as the children are having fun.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “I have a basket full of friends. We’re going to play a fun game with them. First, I want you to look at the tape shapes I made on the floor. Let’s see if you can tell me what they are. *(Review the shapes together.)* Great! I think we’re ready to play now! All you have to do is carry four friends to each shape I call out before this timer goes off! That means you have to work together and do it as fast as you can!”

During the activity: “Okay, ready? *(Pause.)* TRIANGLE and SQUARE! GO! Carry four friends as fast as you can to the triangle and square! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry before the timer goes off!” *(Say something similar each time you play.)*

At the end of the activity: “Whew! That was fun! You did an awesome job carrying your friends where they needed to go. Our Bible lesson today had four friends in it. They carried their friend to see Jesus so He could make the friend walk again ... and He did! They knew their friend needed Jesus. But guess what! He’s not the only one who needs Jesus. We need Jesus, too! **Who do you need?** *(Pause.)* **I need Jesus!**”

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ACTIVITY 5

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What Do I Need?

What You Need: “Need Cards” Activity Page from the Website, white card stock, teaching wall, wall tape, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy the “Need Cards” Activity Page on the card stock. Cut out each card. Tape all of the cards to the top of the wall except for the baseball glove. Tape the baseball to the center of the wall.

During the activity: Have the children sit in front of the wall. Point to the baseball glove and ask the children which picture they would NEED to play catch. When the children say or point to the baseball, move the baseball next to the glove. Then move the basketball hoop to the center of the wall or board. Ask the children what they would NEED to shoot to make a basketball goal. When the answer is given, move the basketball next to the hoop. Continue the pattern by moving the soccer goal and the tennis racket to the middle of the board and allowing the children to match what is needed.

At the end of the activity: Review the lesson.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Let’s play a game! I have a wall with pictures on it and I need your help to decide what we NEED to go together. Everyone have a seat on the floor in front of our pictures.”

During the activity: “Do you see the picture in the middle? (*Point to the baseball.*) What is it? (*Pause.*) Yes! It is a baseball. Do you see a picture up here (*point to the other pictures*) that we would NEED to play a game of catch with the baseball? (*Pause.*) Yes, we would NEED the baseball glove! (*Move the glove picture next to the ball.*) Great job! (*Move the basketball hoop to the center of the board and continue the game until all pictures have been matched.*)

At the end of the activity: (*Point to the glove and ball.*) “To play with a baseball we would NEED a baseball glove. (*Point to the hoop and basketball.*) To shoot a basket we would NEED a basketball. (*Point to the soccer goal and ball.*) To kick a goal we would NEED a soccer ball. (*Point to the tennis racquet and ball.*) And, to play with a tennis racquet, we would NEED a tennis ball. We think we need things all time but there is ONE person that we ALL really need! We heard a true story from the Bible today and found out who that was! Who do we need? Yes! We need Jesus!”

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ACTIVITY 6

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How I Help

What You Need: “Help” from the Activity Pages on the website, white paper, crayons and markers

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy the “Help” Activity Page onto the paper.

During the activity: Give each child an Activity Page and allow them to draw a way that they like to help others on the page. Encourage them to use both the crayons and the markers and to use a lot of color.

At the end of the activity: Ask each child to describe his drawing and use a marker to write a brief description to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today in our lesson we learned about four friends who helped a man who couldn’t walk. They knew their friend needed Jesus, and they took him to Jesus. Then Jesus helped the man in an AMAZING way by helping him walk again! Do you ever help your friends or your family? (Pause.) Oh, I bet you do! But I don’t want you to tell me about it. I want you to DRAW it for me!”

During the activity: (Hand out the Activity Pages.) “There is a HUGE space on this page for you to draw your favorite way to help someone. You can use a lot of color and you can use the crayons and the markers. When you are finished, raise your hand and I will come and see it!”
(When the child tells you what the drawing is, write a brief description by finishing the sentence on the bottom of the page.)

At the end of the activity: “Awesome job! You are all such wonderful helpers! We need people to help us. That is why we need Jesus in our lives! He is the best helper of all! We all need Jesus! Who do you need? (Pause.) I need Jesus!”

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CRAFT – WK 1

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Man on a Mat

What You Need: “Mat” and “Man” from the Activity Pages on the website, white cardstock, brown cardstock, crayons, glue sticks, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy the “Mat” Activity Page onto the brown cardstock so each child will have one. Copy the “Man” Activity Page onto the white cardstock, and cut apart so that each child will have one.

During the activity: Give children a man figure and allow them to color them. Help the children glue the figure onto the mat.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today in our lesson, we learned that four friends carried a man who couldn’t walk to Jesus so that Jesus could help him. We are going to make the man on the mat so that you can show them to your families and tell them our lesson.”

During the activity: (Give each child a mat and a man.) “Use your crayons to color the man and then glue him on the mat.”

At the end of the activity: “Great job! The man needed help and his friends helped him. They took him to Jesus because they knew that Jesus helps EVERYONE! Everyone needs Jesus! **Who do you need? (Pause.) I need Jesus!**”

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CRAFT - WK 2

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Magic Scratch Hearts



What You Need: Hearts and Magic Scratch Pencils

What You Do:

Give each child a heart and show them how to use the pencil to create their very own heart ornament to take home.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today in our lesson, we learned that four friends carried a man who couldn’t walk to Jesus so that Jesus could help him. We are going to make a heart ornament so that we can remember to help our friends too!

At the end of the activity: “Great job! The man needed help and his friends helped him. They took him to Jesus because they knew that Jesus helps EVERYONE! Everyone needs Jesus! **Who do you need?** (Pause.) **I need Jesus!**”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” from the week one Activity Pages on the Website in your Bible at Psalm 119:57. Provide a “Small Group” poster and marker for each classroom.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Friends are the best! Clap your hands with me if you love your friends. (Clap.) Yes! I’m so glad God gave us friends. Today we learned that not only does Jesus have the power to help us, but He has the power to help our friends, too! That’s awesome! I love how the friends in our lesson cared so much for their friend who couldn’t walk that they carried him to Jesus. They knew Jesus could help their friend and nothing was going to stop them from getting their friend to Jesus.

“Our Bible verse says, ‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57. Jesus is everything our friends need, too! Let’s practice our verse so we can tell all our friends that Jesus is everything they need. Say it with me and do the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57.”

SGL: “One more time!”

CHILDREN and SGL: “‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57.”

SGL: “Now you can tell all your friends that Jesus is everything they need. Then when they need help, they can ask Jesus to help them, just like we do. I think we should make a list of some friends we can tell that Jesus is all they need. So tell me, who are some of your good friends?” (Pause.)

(Write down the names and what they say on the “Small Group” poster. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters. Once complete hang the poster for parents to look at during child pick up.)

SGL: “There! We have our list of friends. Now we can pray. Would anyone like to say your own prayer before I pray?” (Pause.)

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so and then close with a prayer that includes the list the children made.)

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