

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!**”

Memory Verse –

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## ACTIVITY 2

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### 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!**”

### Memory Verse –

**“You are everything I need.”**  
**Psalm 119:57 NIV**

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## ACTIVITY 4

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### Everyone

**What You Need:** As many Fisher-Price® Little People® as you have.

### What You Do:

*Before the activity:* Hide the Little People around the room in easy-to-find places.

*During the activity:* Encourage children to find all the hidden figures. Once they have, invite them to come sit down with you. Identify all the people. As you do, arrange them in a heart shape.

### What You Say:

*At the start of the activity:* “We are on a hunt—a people hunt! I’ve hidden all the Little People around the room, and I need you to find them. When you’ve found them, come back and sit with me.”

*After kids have found the figures:* “Great people finding! Who did you find? (Let children tell you who they found as you arrange them into a heart shape.)

“Everyone needs Jesus, the (insert the type or category of person, such as ‘Mommy’ or ‘policeman’) and the (insert the type or category of person) and the (insert the type or category of person) need Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus!

*At the end of the activity:* “Awesome job finding all the people! 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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## **ACTIVITY 5**

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Jesus**

**Memory Verse –**

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# **ACTIVITY 6**

## **I Need Jesus**

**Memory Verse –**

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# CRAFT – WK 1

## I Need Jesus

### 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!**”

### Memory Verse –

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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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