

January Weeks 3 and 4



January 21st/22nd
January 28th/29th

OVERVIEW CARD

THE FOUR FRIENDS

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| Basic Truth: | Jesus wants to be my friend forever. |
| Bottom Line: | Jesus is there when I need Him. |
| Bible Words: | "You are everything I need." Psalm 119:57 NlrV The Four Friends Mark 2:1-12 |
| Music: | God Made Me - #9 "Reach Up High" CD Jesus Loves Everyone - #10 "Reach Up High" CD Wiggle Your Fingers - #11 "Reach Up High" CD |
| Coloring Page: | Four Friends |
| Bible Lesson: | God's Story for Me Bible Friends Help a Lame Man Pages 330 to 335 |
| Story: | <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i> by Sam McBratney |
| Service Time: | 63 minutes (week 3) 62 minutes (week 4) |

Memory Verse –

"You are everything I need."

Psalm 119:57, NlrV

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ACTIVITY 1 – Ones THE FOUR FRIENDS

Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (*especially the younger ones*) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, "Story Time" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

What You Say:

LEADER: "Hello friends! I'm so glad to see you because I have an awesome, true story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) to tell you, and it's all about some friends! In fact, it's about FOUR friends. (*Show picture of four friends.*)

"One day, FOUR friends went to see Jesus. They carried their friend on a mat because he couldn't walk. His legs didn't work. (*Show picture of man on mat.*) They believed that Jesus could help their friend. Do you think Jesus could help their friend? (*Pause.*) Let's find out.

"When the FOUR friends (*Show picture of the four friends.*) got to where Jesus was, the house was FULL of people. It was a BIG crowd. They tried to go through the front door. But there were too many people! Oh, no! What were they going to do? The FOUR friends couldn't get their hurt friend to Jesus! Do you think they gave up and went home? (*Pause.*)

"Of course not! These friends really believed Jesus would help, so they had to find another way in. They climbed up on the roof and cut a hole in it to lower their friend down into the house where Jesus was. (*Show picture of four friends with mat.*) What? They lowered him down from the roof. That is AMAZING!

"Do you think Jesus helped the man on the mat? (*Pause.*) Yes! (*Show picture of Jesus.*) Jesus told the man to get up and walk and he did! The hurt man got right up off the mat and walked. Jesus helped him. Jesus is always there when we need Him. And He wants to help us all the time. I'm SO glad that Jesus was there to help the man who couldn't walk! And Jesus is there for us too. **Who is there when you need Him?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is there when I need Him."

LEADER: "Again! **Who is there when you need Him?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is there when I need Him."

Memory Verse –

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Psalms 119:57, NIV