

PARENT GUIDE

PROPEL JR.

3 YEARS OLD TO KINDERGARTEN

APRIL 18

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." (Ephesians 3:18, NIV)

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

**WHO WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER?
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER!**

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

TEACHING VIDEO LINK

You and your little ones can also watch Propels' online worship experience. This activity page goes along with the service. It is available on our website www.clintoncommunitychurch.org, facebook, and on our youtube page.

ACTIVITY: SHARING SPOONS

WHAT YOU NEED: PLASTIC SPOONS AND A PAIR OF BALLED-UP SOCKS

WHAT YOU DO:

Give children a spoon. Place the balled-up socks in your spoon and then transfer them to your child's spoon. Challenge your child to share the socks by transferring them from their spoon back to yours or another family member's. Include as many family members as possible and share the socks as long as you can without dropping them. Then, do it again!

Say, Jesus showed His love by sharing, and that's what His friends did, too. I have a fun game for us to play about sharing! I have some socks that I'm going to put on my spoon. Then, I'm going to share them by giving them to you on your spoon. (Demonstrate.) Can you share with somebody else (or back to me)? Try not to drop them! (Do activity.)

Great job sharing. The people in our Bible story today shared too. They spent a lot of time together. They ate together, talked, laughed, and praised God together. They loved each other because Jesus loved them. We can be friends like Jesus and share so that everyone knows that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



ACTIVITY: REPEAT THE BEAT

WHAT YOU NEED: ANY TYPE OF PRESCHOOL RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS

WHAT YOU DO:

Set the instruments out in a large circle in your activity area. Invite the children to have a seat behind the instruments with their hands behind their backs. Sit on the floor with the children (with your own instrument) and explain that you will play a simple rhythm on your instrument that they will copy. Make sure they understand that after each round, they need to put their hands back behind their backs so they can hear the next pattern.

Encourage the children to place their hands behind their backs again as you collect the instruments and set aside for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Friends, have a seat behind one of these instruments. Let's put our hands behind our backs so we listen carefully!

Great job, friends. Listen as I play a simple pattern. I want you to repeat the beat. Ready? That's it! Good listening, friends. (Finish activity.)

That was so fun. You listened closely so you could repeat the beat. You did what I did. Today, we learned how to LOVE like Jesus. He really knows how to love. Let's go!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for giving us the things we need. Help us share with people like Jesus taught us to so they will know how much Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.