Community Little Kids

PreK Lesson Plan

November 22, 2026

God Gives Me Friends—We Are Stronger as One
Bible Story: Jesus Prayed for People (John 17:6-26)
Theme Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17a

Share: In John 17, Jesus prayed for His disciples and others who would follow Him in the future, knowing they would face difficult times. He prayed they would stay together and help each other continue following Him. Let's teach kids this week that we are stronger as one, and we can help each other follow God.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, asking God to grow unity within your team and your church.

Pre-Service- Teachers choose playlister and start the preservice slide with music, Co-Teacher/volunteers: Arrival time, please use either one of these options as kids arrive for the morning to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Pre-Service- any extra activities provided, preservice coloring pages and allow kids to have playtime.

Leader Tip: Announce a 2-3 minute signal before asking them to clean up their toys. Giving your group a mental head start will begin to cue their minds for what is next.

Clean-up time:

What to do: Teacher plays a clean-up song, encouraging all kids to help get things put away and ready for service.

Service

Teacher Opener: Hello, everyone! If you are glad to be here, can you say, “Hello,” back to me? *(Hello!)* If you are excited to be here, I want to see you jump as high in the sky as you can. Ready? Jump! *(Allow preschoolers to jump.)* Those were some high jumps. It seems like everyone is just as excited to be here as I am! Let’s sit down and think of some items that work better when they are paired or buddied up. I can think of a few right now. Cookies and milk are yummy. Peanut butter and jelly make a much better sandwich than peanut butter and ketchup. Our Theme this month is *Buddy Up!* God gives us friends so we can have fun together, share kind words, and learn about Jesus together.

Worship Song #1: Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids-but not in the back.

Bible Story Video

What to do: Play the bible story video and use the script below after the video to help make the connection for the kids.

Making the connection script: Today has been such a wonderful day of learning more about Jesus! In our Bible story we learned that Jesus prayed for all of those who follow Him. He wanted them to work together as a team and follow Him. We can follow Jesus together too! God gives us friends who love Him so we can work and celebrate Him together as a team.

Let's all stand and sing one last song to God together today!

Worship Song #2: Teachers, co-teachers, and volunteers worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids-but not in the back.

Memory Verse Video:

Let’s stand up together and learn our Theme Verse!

Theme Verse Motions:

A friend loves *(Point out with both thumbs, then cross arms in front of chest.)*
at all times. *(Point to left wrist.)*
Proverbs 17:17a *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Small Group Time:

Option#1: Thanksgiving craft

Option #2: Preschoolers will play follow-the-leader.

Big Goal: Reinforce the Bible story.

Game Instructions:

1. Lead preschoolers to follow the leader as the leader walks around the room doing various action steps such as stomping feet, flapping arms, marching, and so on.
2. Encourage different preschoolers to be leaders in the game.

What To Do: We are going to play a game, but I need everyone to get in a line behind me first. What do you need to do? *(Get in a line!)* Awesome! Let's play follow-the-leader. I will be the leader first. I want you to follow directly behind me and do the same motions or movements I do. If you are ready to play our game, I want you to clap your hands two times. *(Allow preschoolers to respond.)* Great job, friends! You are already following the leader!

Loud And Clear: In our Bible story, we learned that Jesus prayed for His friends, the disciples, and all people who would follow Him. Jesus prayed that we would follow Him together. Our game showed us that we can follow a leader. The best leader we can follow is Jesus. God gives us friends at church, and we can buddy up to help each other learn more about Jesus. I am so glad we can come together and learn more about Jesus.

Option #3: Coloring Sheets.

Close out in Prayer:

What to do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests.
- Pray with the group.
- Lead the group in prayer below.

God, thank You for loving us. Thank You that we are all on the same team when we follow and trust You. Thank You for giving us friends at church. We are stronger together. Amen.

Closing: Work with your teacher to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.