Community Little Kids

Toddler Lesson Plan

November 29, 2026

God Gives Me Friends—We Follow Jesus Together
Bible Story: Living in Community (1 Peter 2:1-17)
Theme Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17a

Share: Our Bible story this week demonstrates that we follow Jesus together, not in isolation. In 1 Peter 2, Peter wrote that people who follow Jesus are being built up into a spiritual household. They help each other follow God, stay away from sin, and live in ways that point others to God. Kids will learn that members of God's household are different because they help each other follow God and live the way God made them to live.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God that your team gets to follow Jesus together.

Option 1: Let the kids play with toys and get to know them.
Option 2: Coloring sheets/Activity Sheets.

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: I am so excited to see you here today. We are going to have a lot of fun!

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.

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

Kids will make a card to give to someone in your church to celebrate how we can follow and serve Jesus together.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print “Make A Card” printables, one per child. Cut cards apart and fold in half.

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print “Make A Card” printables, one per child. Cut cards apart and fold in half.
2. Invite kids to decorate the outside of their cards with crayons and stickers and draw a picture on the inside of the card.
3. Assist them in signing their names.
4. Remind kids to give their cards to someone at church.

What To Do: Today we are going to make cards for people in our church. These cards are extra special. We can give them to people at church. I want you to decorate the outside and inside of your cards to give to someone special. The words on the card are *It's fun to celebrate God with you!* After you decorate your card and draw a picture on the inside, a leader will come around and help you sign your name. Let's decorate our cards to give to someone who loves to follow Jesus too!

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 so much for our church. Thank You for the people who lead us and teach us more about You. Thank You that we can follow You 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.