

This Week’s Bible Story Focus: SHARE what Jesus did.

Pentecost • Acts 2

Memory Verse: “Let us keep looking to Jesus.” Hebrews 12:2a, NIV

Key Question: Who is always with you?

This Week’s Bottom Line: Jesus is always with me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

1. Memory Verse Hunt

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lead the children around the room as you recite the rhyme below, patterned after the children’s book “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.” Encourage the children to repeat the lines after you and act out the verses with the motions.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, let’s say this fun rhyme together. There are also some motions. If you see me moving a certain way, I want you to move too. Here we go.

During the Activity:

Jesus is always with us.	(March in place.)
Let’s keep looking to Jesus.	
What a beautiful day.	
I’m not scared!	
Uh-oh! Grass!	(Stop marching.)
Long wavy grass.	
We can’t go over it.	(Lift leg like trying to climb over.)
We can’t go under it.	(Stoop down as if going under.)
Oh no!	
We’ve got to go through it!	
Swishy-swashy!	(Pretend to stomp through the grass.)
Swishy-swashy!	
Swishy-swashy!	

Jesus is always with us.	(March in place.)
Let’s keep looking to Jesus.	
What a beautiful day.	
I’m not scared!	
Uh-oh! A river!	(Stop marching.)
A deep, cold river.	
We can’t go over it.	(Lift leg like trying to climb over.)
We can’t go under it.	(Stoop down as if going under.)
Oh no!	
We’ve got to go through it!	
Splash-splish!	(Pretend to splash through some water.)
Splash-splish!	
Splash-splish!	

Jesus is always with us. *(March in place.)*
 Let's keep looking to Jesus.
 What a beautiful day.
 I'm not scared!
 Uh-oh! Mud! *(Stop marching.)*
 Thick oozy mud.
 We can't go over it. *(Lift leg like trying to climb over.)*
 We can't go under it. *(Stoop down as if going under.)*
 Oh no!
 We've got to go through it!
 Squelch-squerch! *(Pretend to walk through mud.)*
 Squelch-squerch!
 Squelch-squerch!

After the Activity: "That was SO fun! Our memory verse says, 'Let us *(thumbs to chest)* keep looking *(hands like binoculars)* to Jesus' *(point up)*, Hebrews 12:2. *(Open hands like a book.)* We can keep looking to Jesus because He is the BEST friend ever. **Who is always with me? [Bottom Line] Jesus is always with me.**"

2. Move the Cards

What You Need: "Move the Cards Large" and "Move the Cards Small" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; sandwich-size resealable bags; and a permanent marker. (scroll down for all the activity pages for this)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Move the Cards Large" on cardstock, one set per leader. Copy "Move the Cards Small" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on their bag.

During the Activity: Give each child one set of story cards. The children will lay their cards down in order as you review the story with the large version of the same story pictures.

After the Activity: Talk about how God sent us a special Helper that will always be with us.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. I need you to help me move these story cards to the right place."

During the Activity: "Our Bible story was about a very, VERY special Helper that God gave us. I have story cards that tell the story we heard today. I have a set for you. *(Hand out the story cards.)* And I have a set for me.

"When I hold up a story card, I want you to look at your cards and find the one that matches. When you find the one that matches, I want you to move it in front of you. When we're done, all of our story cards will be in order!

(Hold up the card of Jesus eating with friends.)

"Jesus spent time with His friends after He died and came back. Jesus wanted His friends to know that He loved them, and He would always be with them. One day, while Jesus was eating

with His friends, He told them to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever. Jesus told them not to go yet, though. Jesus wanted them to wait for the special Helper God was going to give them that would always be with them.

(Hold up the card of looking up into the sky.)

“After Jesus told His friends to wait for the special Helper, they watched Him go up, up into the sky to Heaven. They did what Jesus said and went back to the room where they were staying and waited for the special Helper.

(Hold up the card of the friends waiting.)

“One day, while Jesus’ friends were waiting for the special Helper, they heard a sound from Heaven, like a big wind. It was so big, it filled the whole house! It was the Helper! God had given them the Helper called the Holy Spirit!

(Hold up the card of the friends on the move.)

“The Holy Spirit gave Jesus’ friends the power to go here, there, and everywhere, telling everyone that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever!

“Look at your cards! You did it! You moved all of your story cards, and now they tell our story.”

After the Activity: “When we follow Jesus, and He is OUR friend forever, the Holy Spirit is always with us, helping us, too. That’s how Jesus is always with us! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] Jesus is always with me!**”



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