

The Church (Hebrews 10:23-25; Acts 2:42-47)

Bible Story

Remember This

"Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us." Ephesians 5:2, NIV

Say This

Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler!

Activity

Pack a Picnic

What You Need:

A basket, toy food, and a plush friend

What You Do:

Spread the food around on the floor. Have the basket and plush friend nearby. Invite your child to play a game.

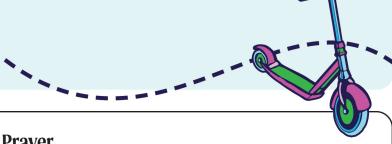
Say, "I have a picnic basket. What do you put in a picnic basket? (Pause.) Food, that's right! Pick one piece of food and add it to the basket."

Have your child pack the basket until it is full. Then, sit down with them to see what they packed inside!

Say, "Sit with me, and let's look at all the food we packed."

Open the basket and pull one piece of food out. Then, hold up the plush friend. Say, "What food would you like to share with your plush friend?"

Allow your child to choose different food items to "share" with their plush friend. Say, "You are so good at sharing your food! In today's Bible story, we learned that the Church is a group of people who choose to follow Jesus. And the people of the first Church shared their food with others because they wanted to love like Jesus. They wanted to be friends with each other because they were friends with Jesus. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"



Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for the story of friends sharing food. Help me to be a good friend by sharing. Thank You that You want to be our friend forever! Amen."