

Bible Story

Heaven (John 14:3; Revelation 21:3-5)

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

Parachute Celebration

What You Need:

A bedsheet or towel, party streamers, and colorful pom-poms (You can also use anything similar you have on hand, like strips of tissue paper.)

What You Do:

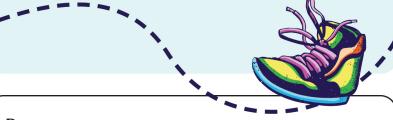
Lay the sheet on the floor and place the pom-poms and streamers on top of it.

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "Let's play with the parachute today to celebrate!"

Ask your child to stand on either side of the sheet with you and pick it up. Say, "On the count of three, we'll pick it up and bounce it easy. One, two, three! Look at the streamers and pom-poms bounce. Let's shake the parachute a little faster. (*Pause.*) Wow! Faster! How high can we make the streamers and pom-poms go? Keep shaking it! Wow, they went really high. It looked like a big party!"

Repeat as desired.

When you are finished say, "Today, we heard how Jesus is in heaven, getting it ready for us. And in heaven, there is no sickness or boo-boos and there is no sadness. It will be like a party that never ends! I'm so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and wants everyone to know that He wants to be their friend forever, too. 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."