

SERIES : BUILD A FRIEND IN JESUS

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Week 2 - Stuff Me

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19



We love because He first loved us.



Theme: Stuff Me

Once you have chosen your new bear you have to stuff it and fill it. In the same way God wants to fill us with His Love, His Word, and His Spirit. He sent Jesus to demonstrate that to us.

Bible Story: Jesus Growing Up

Jesus came to earth to live 100% man and 100% God ! Jesus was a kid just like you and He studied God's Word to show us how to build our relationship. We can't know our best friend if we don't learn what they like. We can learn about Jesus all in the Bible and see all the He has for us when we choose Him as our forever friend.

[Luke 1:17, 41, 3:1–20; Matthew 3:1–13](#)

Main Point: Jesus grew up in a family and learned about God!

Prayer: Thank you Lord for sending your Son Jesus to live just like us and teach us to know you better. Thank you Lord that you have done so much to love us to be our best friend. Help us everyday not to forget. We love you Lord Jesus and we choose you to be our best friend. Amen !

GAME: Use a dry sponge as a ball and begin a game of catch. As each child catches the sponge they must say something that they are thankful for.

Biblical Evidence: Hold up the sponge and ask kids how the dry sponge felt when they were playing catch with it. Emphasize that it feels hard and scratchy. Now dip the sponge in some water, ring it out, and let the children touch it again. Once again ask how it feels. Say, now that the sponge is full of water is soft and squishy. When it was dry it was worthless. It had no value to use because we couldn't use it for anything. Now that it is wet it has a purpose. It can clean up messes and scrub up dirt. By itself the sponge was just a sponge, but when we added the water to it, it became something useful.

Now ask the children if people and sponges are alike. They will probably respond that they are different. Then say, people are like sponges and Jesus is like the water. When we don't have Jesus in our lives we are empty. Jesus fills us up with eternal life. When we have Jesus in our lives we have joy because we have salvation. Without Jesus we are like dry sponges, which are no good for work. With Jesus we are full and ready to work for Him.

