

April Week 1

April 6th/7th

LARGE GROUP

Washing Feet

HOST:

“Hello, friends! It is such an exciting month! We get to celebrate the best day ever this month! Easter! Easter is special because that’s the day when Jesus showed everyone that He wants to be their friend FOREVER. Isn’t that awesome? Jesus is everyone’s friend. He’s your friend. He’s my friend, too. When I ask you this very important question, ‘**Who is your friend?**’ you say, ‘**Jesus is my friend.**’ Let’s try it. **Who is your friend?**” (**Jesus is my friend!**)

“Yes, He is! That make me so happy when I think about it! Let’s celebrate and praise the Lord and thank him for sending Jesus to be our friend forever!

SONG 1: PRAISE THE LORD EVERY DAY

SONG 2: HOSANNA ROCK

WORSHIP LEADER:

Great singing, everyone! Jesus is your friend and my friend. Let’s answer that important question again - **Who is your friend?** (**Jesus is my friend!**)

“That’s right! **Jesus is my friend**, and He loves us so very much. This month we have a brand-new memory verse that tells us just that. Right here in the Bible it says: A friend (hook your pointer fingers together) loves (hug yourself) at all times (stretch your arms out to each side with your palms facing up as you turn in a circle), Proverbs 17:17. (Open your hands like a book.) Do that with me.”

(Practice a couple more times.)

STORYTELLER:

Boys and girls, I am so excited to tell you today's true story from the Bible.

(Hold up a Bible.)

"Today's story is about a good friend. Can you guess who the good friend is? I'll give you a hint. He's the best friend EVER!

(Pause for the children to guess.)

"Jesus! You're right! Do you know how I know Jesus is a good friend? Because of something He did to show His friends how much He cared for them. You see, Jesus loves all of us so much that he was always doing things that no one else would ever want to do. And in today's story, he did just that. Let's see what Ollie has to tell us..."

OLLIE VIDEO: WASHING FEET

STORYTELLER:

"Wow! Would you want to wash those dirty feet? *(Pause.)* No. Most people wouldn't. But Jesus did!"

"Jesus is such a good friend. And the best part is that Jesus is your friend, too! So, when I ask you, '**Who is your friend?**' I want you to say, '**Jesus is my friend.**' Let's try it. **Who is your friend?**' (**Jesus is my friend!**)

"It's time to pray now. Let's fold our hands in our laps and close our eyes."

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend. Thank You that Jesus will do the hard, dirty jobs because He loves us so much. Help us to be a good friend like Jesus. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

HOST:

I have one more song I want to share with you. It's a brand-new song and it's all about how Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let's learn it together!

SONG 3: FRIENDS FOREVER