

April Week 4

April 27th/28th

LARGE GROUP

Breakfast on the Beach

HOST:

“Hello, hello, friends. It’s so great to see you today! It’s time to sing and dance, but before we do that, can you tell me: **Who is your friend? (‘Jesus is my friend!’)**”

Yes! Jesus is my friend, and we have one more story to tell about that today. But first, let’s sing and praise together.

SONG 1: PRAISE THE LORD EVERY DAY

SONG 2: HOSANNA ROCK

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: **Who is your friend? (‘Jesus is my friend!’)**”

Yes indeed! **Jesus is my friend.** Today we are going to hear a story about Jesus and his friends, but before we do that let’s practice our memory verse one last time! 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.*)”

(Practice a couple more times.)

“I hope you always remember that verse, my friends. Never forget that Jesus is your friend and that He loves you.”

STORYTELLER:

“The true Bible story I’m going to tell you today is about a picnic—a picnic Jesus had with some friends on a beach. Would you like to hear about the picnic Jesus had with His friends? (Pause.) Great!

(Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it aside.)

STORYTELLER:

The last time we were together, I told you the true story of Easter. In that story, something very sad happened. Our good friend Jesus died and was put in a tomb. But did Jesus stay in the tomb? (Pause.)

I can't hear you. Did Jesus stay in the tomb? (Pause.) You're right! Jesus did NOT stay in the tomb. Jesus came back, just like He promised! Wow! Jesus is alive! It was such GOOD NEWS!

Not long after Jesus came back, some of Jesus' friends were out fishing in a boat and they had a very special visitor for breakfast. Let's hear what Ollie has to say about it!

OLLIE VIDEO: BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

STORYTELLER:

"Wow! Jesus told his friends He loved them and He would always be their friend. It was the best day ever! And do you know what the best part is? Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever too! It's true! Jesus loves you and is your friend!

Who is your friend? "Jesus is my friend!"

One more time! **"Who is your friend?" "Jesus is my friend!"**

I love that Jesus is our friend. Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our friend. Everyone put your hands in your lap and close your eyes."

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend. He truly is the best friend we will ever have. I pray that every person here will follow Jesus so He can be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

HOST:

Now let's sing Friend Forever about our best friend Jesus one more time before we go!

SONG 3: FRIEND FOREVER