



KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be my friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

BASIC TRUTH

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BIBLE STORY FOCUS

Early Church Acts 2:42-47

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," Ephesians 3:18, NIV

ACTIVITY: SHARING SPOONS

What You Need:

Plastic spoons and a pair of balled-up socks

What You Do:

Give everyone playing a spoon. Place the balled-up socks in your spoon and then transfer them to your child's spoon. Challenge your child to share the socks by transferring them from their spoon back to yours or another family member's. Include as many family members as possible and share the socks as long as you can without dropping them. Then, do it again!

Say, "Jesus showed His love by sharing, and that's what His friends did, too. I have a fun game for us to play about sharing!

"I have some socks that I'm going to put on my spoon. Then, I'm going to share them by giving them to you on your spoon. (*Demonstrate.*) Can you share with somebody else (or back to me)? Try not to drop them! (*Do activity.*)

"Great job sharing. The people in our Bible story today shared too. They spent a lot of time together. They are together, talked, laughed, and praised God together. They loved each other because Jesus loved them. We can be friends like Jesus and share so that everyone knows that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **Who** wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for giving us the things we need. Help us share with people like Jesus taught us to so they will know how much Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

