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**BABIES**

# JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

*Say the rhyme and clap your hands as you rock or change the baby.*

**"One, two, clap your hands.  
"[Child's name], clap your hands.  
"One, two, clap your hands.  
"Clap your hands with me.  
"[Child's name], Jesus wants to be,  
"Wants to be your friend forever.**

## **WORDS FOR BABY**

*"Baby, Jesus teaches you important things because Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"*



## BIBLE WORDS

"The people were amazed  
at his teaching."

**MATTHEW 7:28, NCV**

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches you  
important things.

## BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

## 1. COLLECTING HEARTS

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Cut a 24-inch length of Con-Tact paper.
- Remove the backing and tape it to the wall, sticky side out.
- Cut a variety of four-to-six-inch hearts from felt.
- Stick the hearts on the sticky paper.
- Encourage children to take the hearts off and stick them back on.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "Look at all the pretty hearts on the wall. Can you pull the hearts off? You did it! You collected all the love. Let's put all the hearts back now. *(Repeat as desired.)* Great job, friends! Jesus loves you and teaches you important things like how to love."

## 2. ONE, TWO CLAP YOUR HANDS

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Say the chant below and clap your hands.
- Encourage the children to clap with you.
- Be sure to say each child's name multiple times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "Friends, come and sit with me. Can you clap your hands? Let's clap together while I say a fun rhyme.

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"[Child's name], Jesus wants to be,

"Wants to be your friend forever.

"Great job! Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

## 3. BIBLE TIME

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Look through Bibles with children.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "These are very special books. They are called Bibles. They tell us God sent us Jesus to be our friend forever. The Bible tells us all the things Jesus came to teach us. The Bible is very special. We can learn all about Jesus in the Bible."



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## **4. POP BEAD PLAY**

### **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Sit with children and play with the snap-lock beads.
- Say a word of the phrase, "Jesus loves you," with each bead you add.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "Yay, pop beads! Let me teach you how to put them together. (*Demonstrate.*) While we stick them together, let's say, 'Jesus loves you.' Jesus loves you. Jesus loves you. Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever."