

JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.

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PRELUDE

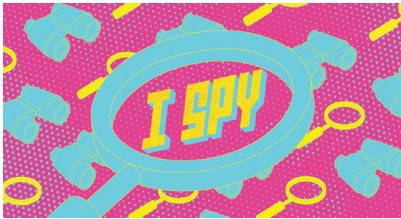
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HOME



BIBLE STORY

I spy someone who tells the truth.

PAUL IN ROME
ACTS 28:11-31

MEMORY VERSE

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Letters from Paul

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

I Spy

10
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Bible Story
Prayer

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

True or Not True
I Spy Jesus
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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LETTERS FROM PAUL

WHAT YOU NEED: Envelopes of different sizes and colors, stickers, stamps, inkpads, paper, and crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place all items on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pretend to write letters.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story, today, about letters a man named Paul wrote.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, join me at the table. I have a fun activity for us to do today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's write some letters. You can draw a picture, too. *(Pause.)* These are great! Now, fold up your letters and put them in an envelope. *(Pause.)* Write who your letter is to and add a stamp. Seal it up, and there you go! *(Repeat as long as desired.)* We'll deliver these letters a little later."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we'll hear about a man named Paul and some letters he wrote a long time ago."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by having the children deliver their letters to people or specific "mailboxes" along the way.

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WORSHIP

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at John 20:31, NLV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "I Spy," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "I Spy" is available on the Orange Store or in your media package if you subscribe.

LEADER: "Welcome, friends! Tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**I can believe in Jesus!**"

LEADER: "Yes! **I can believe in Jesus!** I spy friends who love Jesus! Let's sing this out together.

(Lead children in singing "I Spy," this month's worship song.)

"Yeah! Jesus is the BEST friend ever. **Who can believe in Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**I can believe in Jesus.**"

LEADER: "You are right! I'm so glad God gave us the Bible so we can learn about Jesus. Let's say our memory verse. 'These are written (*open your hands like a book*) so that you (*point out*) may believe (*point to head*) that Jesus is the Christ, (*point up*) the Son of God,' (*rock baby*) John 20:31 (NLV). (*Open your hands like a book.*)

(Say the verse and do the motions together several times.)

"That was awesome! **I can believe in Jesus.**"

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STORY

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Starter_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name]. Our true story is about a man named Paul. You can find his story right here in the Bible.

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

"Paul believed in Jesus. He wrote letters to people telling them that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Paul also traveled to cities to tell people that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. One of the cities Paul traveled to was called Rome. Rome is a big beautiful city, and lots of people live there. The people in Rome are very smart, and they like to talk about important things. So, while Paul was in Rome, he talked with the people about Jesus. Paul knew that nothing is more important than Jesus!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"Lots and lots of people came to hear what Paul had to say about Jesus. Paul would start talking about Jesus when the sun came up early in the morning.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"Paul would keep talking about Jesus until the sun went down and the moon came up late at night. From morning until night, Paul told the people in Rome that Jesus tells the truth.

"Jesus tells the truth when He says He is God's Son. Jesus tells the truth when



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He says that if you believe in Him you will be His friend forever. Jesus tells the truth when He says He loves us and will never leave us.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

“Everything Jesus says is the truth, so we can believe in Him. Many of the people who heard what Paul said about Jesus believed in Jesus and decided to follow Him. And because Jesus tells the truth, we can believe in Him, too! So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “I can believe in Jesus!”

LEADER: “Wow! You were such a big help telling today’s Bible story. Thank you for playing ‘I Spy’! Now, let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, telling the truth is so important. Thank You that we can always trust Jesus, because everything Jesus says is the truth. Jesus IS Your Son. Jesus IS alive. Jesus DOES loves us. And Jesus DOES want to be our friend forever. Help us believe, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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25 MINUTES

**TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW**



MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

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TRUE OR NOT TRUE

WHAT YOU NEED: "True Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "True Jesus" onto cardstock and tape to the wall.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather with the children across the room from the picture of Jesus. The leader will say something true, and the children will run to the other side of the room to the picture of Jesus. Return to the other side. If the leader says something not true, the children don't move. Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come stand with me. (Pause.) Do you see the picture of Jesus on the other side of the room? (Pause.) Yes, there He is. We're going to play a game of 'true or not true' with the picture of Jesus."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I'll say something, and if it's true, I want you to run to the picture of Jesus. If it isn't true, stay put. Ready for the first question? (Pause.) God made you. That's true, run to Jesus! (Pause.) Great job! Let's go back. (Pause.) The sky is blue. That's true! Go! (Pause.) Okay, everyone back. (Pause.) Grass is orange. (Pause.) That's not true, stay put."

"God loves you. That's true, go! (Pause.) Super! Now come back. (Pause.) Fish fly in the air. (Pause.) That's funny, but not true. Stay there. Chickens say, 'Moo.' (Pause.) That's a funny one, too, but not true. Stay put. Jesus wants to be your friend forever. (Pause.) True! Run! Super duper friends. Sit down right here with me."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, we learned about a man named Paul. Paul believed in Jesus. He wrote letters telling people that Jesus is alive, and some of those letters are in the Bible. Paul traveled to cities to tell people Jesus is alive. One of those cities was called Rome. The people in Rome were very smart and they liked to talk about important things. So, while Paul was there, he talked with the people about Jesus."

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"Many of the people who heard what Paul said about Jesus believed in Jesus and decided to follow Him. And because Jesus tells the truth, we can believe in Him, too! **Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus.**"

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**LIVE
FOR GOD
APPLICATION
ACTIVITY**



CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

BIBLE STORY

I spy someone who tells the truth.

**PAUL IN ROME
ACTS 28:11-31**

I SPY JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: "I Spy Jesus" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; cardstock, one per child; stickers; and Jesus stickers, one per child

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "I Spy Jesus" on the label paper, one label per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to put stickers all over their paper then put on one Jesus sticker. Give each child a label to add. Ask the children to spy Jesus and the things on their paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me. I love playing 'I Spy,' and I have a fun craft for us to make today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Cover your paper with these stickers. (Pause.) Great! Now, everybody gets one Jesus sticker. Add Jesus to your paper. (Pause.) Alright! Now, add this label. It says, 'I spy Jesus. Jesus always tells the truth.' (Pause.) Let's play! I spy (name some of the stickers the children have added). I spy . . . Jesus! (Pause.) Great! You found Jesus!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we learned that Paul wrote letters telling people that Jesus is alive and some of those letters are in the Bible. Paul traveled around telling people that Jesus is alive. One of the cities Paul traveled to was Rome. The people in Rome were very smart and liked to talk about important things. So, while Paul was in Rome, he talked with the people about Jesus. Paul told the people that Jesus tells the truth when He says He is God's Son. Jesus tells the truth when He says that if you believe in Him you will be His friend forever. Jesus tells the truth when He says that He loves us and will never leave us. Everything Jesus says is the truth, so we can believe in Him.

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JOURNAL AND PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at John 20:31. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll walk to our Small Group spot with two thumbs up like this (*demonstrate*), because telling the truth gets two thumbs up! (*Walk with two thumbs up as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)

"Here we are! I know something else that gets two thumbs up. Sitting with you and talking about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about a man named Paul who loved Jesus. Paul traveled to a city called Rome so he could tell the people about Jesus. He told them that everything Jesus says is the truth (*give two thumbs up*), because Jesus always tells the truth. (*Give two thumbs up.*) We can read Paul's story in the Bible. (*Hold up the Bible.*)

"Paul wrote down what he knew about Jesus so we could read it and believe in Jesus, too. **Who can believe in Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "I can believe in Jesus!"

SGL: "That's right! And when we read the Bible, it helps us believe in Jesus. Our Bible verse even says that . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"All of the stories in the Bible were written to help us believe in Jesus. Let's stand up and say that verse together with the motions."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "These are written (*open your hands like a book*) so that you (*point out*) may believe (*point to head*) that Jesus is the Christ, (*point up*) the Son of God. (*Rock baby.*) John 20:31." (*Open your hands like a book.*) (*Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.*)

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SGL: "And that's the truth! (*Give two thumbs up.*)

"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Paul wanted us to know that everything Jesus says is the truth. So, what are some of the things Jesus said? Let's think together and make a list of some of the things Jesus said. (*Make this list together with your Small Group instead of asking each child individually.*)

"Jesus said He is God's Son. Jesus said He loves everyone. Jesus said to follow Him. Jesus said to love people the way He loves us. Jesus said He will always be with us. Jesus said He will hear us when we talk to Him. Jesus said to let the children (*name each child*) come to Him.

"Wow! Jesus said A LOT of great things, and they are ALL true. Let's use our list to thank God for all the things Jesus said. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, it is so wonderful to know that we can believe in Jesus and everything He said, because everything Jesus said is true. Because Jesus said it, we believe that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus loves everyone. Jesus wants us to follow Him. Jesus wants us to love people the way He loves us. Jesus will always be with us. Jesus will hear us when we talk to Him. Jesus wants all children, (*name each child*), to come to Him. I pray we will always believe in Jesus and what He said. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."