



**Parent
Cue**

**SMALL
TALK**

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."
Matthew 28:20, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus Wants to be
My Friend Forever

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your
friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

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WEEK 1 | JOHN 9:1-7

Jesus performs a miracle and makes a blind man see.

WEEK 4 | MATTHEW 21:1-11

Jesus fulfills prophecy and enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey during the Passover celebration. The crowds shouted "Hosanna!" as they spread their coats and palm branches on the road.

WEEK 2 | MARK 2:1-12

Four friends work very hard to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus. Once he's there, Jesus performs a miracle so he can walk again.

**WEEK 5 | MATTHEW 26:26-29;
LUKE 23:44-49; MATTHEW 28:1-7**

Jesus lays His life down for a friend—all mankind. He paid the penalty for all sin through His death and rose again on the third day. Jesus is alive today and wants to be our friend forever.

WEEK 3 | MARK 7:32-37

Jesus performs another miracle and makes a deaf man hear.



**first look
HOME**



PLAY TIME: Help your child do something new this week. Fly a kite, play a new game or throw and catch a ball. Repeat the statement, "I will help you" as often as possible. As your play time comes to an end, remind your child that there's Someone who will always help him—Jesus!



CAR TIME: Our Bible verse this month says, "I am with you always," Matthew 28:20. Driving from here to there and everywhere is a great time to talk about Jesus always being with us. Grocery store? Yep, He's with us at the grocery store. Dentist? There too! What about the park? Yes, Jesus is with us at the park. Talk about where you are driving when you jump in the car and that Jesus is always with you, even at the



BATH TIME: Inside sounds are different than outside sounds. Now that you're in the tub, what do you hear? See how many different sounds you can name. Water running? Splashing? A family member? Radio? Talk about how happy the man in the Bible story must have been when Jesus helped his ears hear!



PARENT TIME:

This month, we celebrate the most amazing day in history—the day Jesus rose, defeating death and allowing us an eternal relationship with God. Wow! What a cause for celebration! What a reason to party! Chances are, you will be celebrating this special day with close friends and/or family. As you sit at the table for Easter dinner, realize that those who surround you are not just your dining companions but major influencers in your child's life.

So, who's sitting at your table? Not just for Easter dinner, but on a regular basis? Who are you allowing to be a part of your child's circle? Who are you encouraging as an influencer? As a preschool parent, it's hard to think about your child one day being a teenager or (gulp) a grown-up. But, that day is coming—faster than any of us can imagine.

As your child grows, so does the importance of these relationships. Their words will mean more than your words for a season. What they have to say needs to reflect what you would have said. Who you have sitting at your table matters. A lot.

Carey Nieuwhof talks about widening the circle of influence in this month's Parent Link Live. Visit www.OrangeParents.org to listen to this free podcast.



CUDDLE TIME:
"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend. He is the best friend ever! He loves us, helps up, listens to us and is always with us! We praise and love You, Jesus. Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Amen."

