



**Parent
Cue**

SMALL TALK

MEMORY VERSE

"Go and make disciples
of all nations."

Matthew 28:19, NIV

KEY QUESTION

What does Jesus want
me to do?

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus Wants to be
My Friend Forever

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants me to tell
others about Him.

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WEEK 1 | MATTHEW 28:19-20

Jesus spends time with His disciples before going to be with God. He tells them to go and make disciples of all nations.

WEEK 3 | ACTS 9:1-19

The love of Jesus changes Saul, a man who hates followers of Jesus, to Paul, a man who wants everyone to know about Jesus.

WEEK 2 | ACTS 12:1-7

Peter is put in jail for telling others about Jesus. God helps Peter by miraculously setting Him free.

WEEK 4 | ACTS 16:16-34

Paul and Silas are arrested and put in jail for telling people about Jesus. They praise the Lord while in jail and continue to tell others about Jesus even though it's hard.



**first look
HOME**



PLAY TIME: Talk with your child about how much Jesus loves his friends. Think of a special friend you can invite over for a play date. Choose a special snack and think of other ways you can make your friend feel loved. Use this play date to practice loving friends the way Jesus loves us.



CAR TIME: Our Bible verse this month says, 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Matthew 28:19. As you drive around this month, talk about the places where you are going. Ask your child, 'Does Jesus want the people at the (grocery store) to know Him?' Why, yes! Yes, He does! Jesus wants everyone, everywhere to know Him!



BATH TIME: Play a game of "I Spy" as you bath your child. Talk about how God helps us see the truth about Jesus just like He helps us see things with our eyes.



PARENT TIME:

You have this preschooler. You love him. You want things for him. You want him to know things. You want him to be ready for kindergarten. You want him to know his ABCs

and his 123s. There is this invisible list of things you feel like you've got to accomplish with him. You feel the pressure of this list. You want to be able to say you DID all you could to equip him for the world.

But, what about him? What about the way he likes to watch a caterpillar crawl across the ground? What about his desire to hear that same story for the 100th time? What about how he feels when you hold his hand as you walk to the park so he can swing higher and higher? What about those things that you can't check off a list? Aren't they important? Couldn't they be MORE important?

Relationships matter. God created us for relationships, both with Him and with others. If we want our children to grow to thrive in relationships, then sometimes the list needs to be put away.

To hear more on managing the tension of lists and relationships, visit OrangParents.org and listen to Carey Nieuwhof's Parent Link Live.



CUDDLE TIME:

"Dear God, I pray that [name of child] and I will learn how to praise You, even in hard times. Help us to tell others about Jesus, no matter how hard it gets. We love You, God, and we want

everyone, everywhere, to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus name, Amen."

