



BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

MEMORY VERSE

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.”

John 3:16, GNT



LESSON OVERVIEW

Know what your child will learn at church, and synch it up at home.

WEEK 1

Matt. 26:36-39, 45-50, Luke 23:33-34, 46, 52-53; Luke 24:1-8

Jesus is arrested and put to death on a cross, but three days later he is raised from the dead!

Key Question: Who is alive?

Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

WEEK 2

John 21:1-14

Jesus appears to his disciples, helps them catch fish, and makes them breakfast.

Key Question: Who wants to be my friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

WEEK 3

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus tells his followers to teach others the good news and make disciples of all nations.

Key Question: Who can tell the good news of Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can tell the good news of Jesus.

WEEK 4

John 14:1-6, Acts 1:9-11

Jesus returns to His Father in heaven. There He prepares a place for His followers in His Father's house. Jesus is the Way to live there one day.

Key Question: How do I get to God's house?

Bottom Line: Jesus is the Way to God's house.

SIMPLE WAYS TO BRING THE LESSONS HOME...



MORNING TIME

When you see your child first thing in the morning say, “Good morning! We have SO much to celebrate because Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever!”



PLAY TIME

Go to your local discount store and buy some 4x6 picture frames, 4x6 unruled index cards, and small spring-themed stickers. Write this month’s Bible verse on the cards and let your child use crayons and stickers to decorate them. Once your child is done decorating, place the cards in the picture frames and help her deliver them to her friends. It’s a special way to tell our friends that God loves them so much, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever.



DRIVE TIME

As you drive or take a walk, talk about how Jesus did special things for His friends, the disciples, like make them breakfast on the beach. Next, talk about things you both can do to be a good friend. Jesus wants to be our friend forever, and He wants us to be a good friend, too.



BATH TIME

When you wash your child’s face in the bath say, “I pray your mouth brings the good news of Jesus to many people.” When you wash your child’s feet say, “I pray your feet take you all over the world to bring the good news of Jesus to many nations.” When you wash your child’s chest say, “I pray your heart loves God most, chooses to follow Jesus, and the Holy Spirit comes to live in you.”



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child this month and pray, “Dear Father God, Thank You for loving us so much. And thank You that Jesus is with you right now and has prepared a place for us, so we can live with You forever one day. Wow! That’s such an amazing thought! We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”