



### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### MEMORY VERSE

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

2 Corinthians  
5:17, ESV

## LESSON OVERVIEW

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

### WEEK 1

*Acts 2:42-47*

The early Church met often to pray, eat, worship, and help each other in any way they could.

*Key Question:* What does the Church do?

*Bottom Line:* The Church loves God and loves people.

### WEEK 2

*Acts 9:1-22; 13:9*

Jesus changed Saul's life. He went from Saul, the man who hurt Jesus' friends, to Paul, a friend of Jesus.

*Key Question:* Who can change your heart?

*Bottom Line:* Jesus can change my heart.

### WEEK 3

*Acts 17:16-34*

Paul taught people in Athens about the true God who made everything and who gave us His Son, Jesus.

*Key Question:* Who can believe in Jesus?

*Bottom Line:* I can believe in Jesus.

### WEEK 4

*Acts 16:16-34*

Paul and Silas were imprisoned. They did not lose their joy, and they told the prison guard all about Jesus.

*Key Question:* Who can change your heart?

*Bottom Line:* Jesus can change my heart.

### WEEK 5

*Acts 28:11-31*

Paul told the people in Rome that they can believe everything Jesus says because Jesus tells the truth.

*Key Question:* Who can believe in Jesus?

*Bottom Line:* I can believe in Jesus.

## SIMPLE WAYS TO BRING THE LESSONS HOME...

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### MORNING TIME

When you greet your child first thing in the morning say, “Good morning, (*Child’s Name*.) Before we do anything else today, I want to tell you something important. Jesus is always telling the truth, and that means we can always trust what He says! Yay, Jesus!”



### PLAY TIME

Play a fun game with your child this month. Whenever you think of it, interrupt your child’s play by yelling, “Earthquake!” Then, sway back and forth and fall to the ground, encouraging your child to do the same. When you are both giggling on the floor, sit up and remind your child that Paul and Silas were singing with joy in jail when God sent an earthquake to free them. How could they sing in jail? Jesus had changed their hearts! They knew that no matter what happened, God was in charge, and He has a good plan.



### DRIVE TIME

This month, every time you drive to church, or even pass by a church building, tell your child that the Church is not a building. The Church is made up of the people who love and follow Jesus! Say, “I am part of the Church, and you can be part of the Church. All Jesus’ forever friends put together are the Church! And what does the Church do?” Lead your child to respond with, “The Church loves God and loves people.”



### BATH TIME

At bath time, while you wash your child’s face, say, “God made your nose. God made your cheeks. God made your mouth.” When you wash your child’s hair, say, “God made your hair. God made your head.” When you wash your child’s body, say, “God made your arms. God made your legs. God made your belly.” When you dry off your child, say, “God made all of you. God made everything!”



### CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray, “Dear Father God, Thank You for changing my heart. Would You change (*Child’s Name*)’s heart, too? Would You help us both to love what You love? Would You help us to share like the early Church, and tell people about Jesus like Paul, and have joy like Silas? That kind of heart change can only come from You. Make us like Your Son, Jesus. It is in His name we pray. Amen.”