



# TODDLERS

Jesus'  
Early Life

Synch up what your child is learning in Sunday School with what you are teaching at home!

## Key Question

Who wants to be your friend forever?

## Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be near me.

## Bible Stories

**January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Simeon and Anna meet Jesus  
(Luke 2:21-40)

**January 11<sup>th</sup>:**

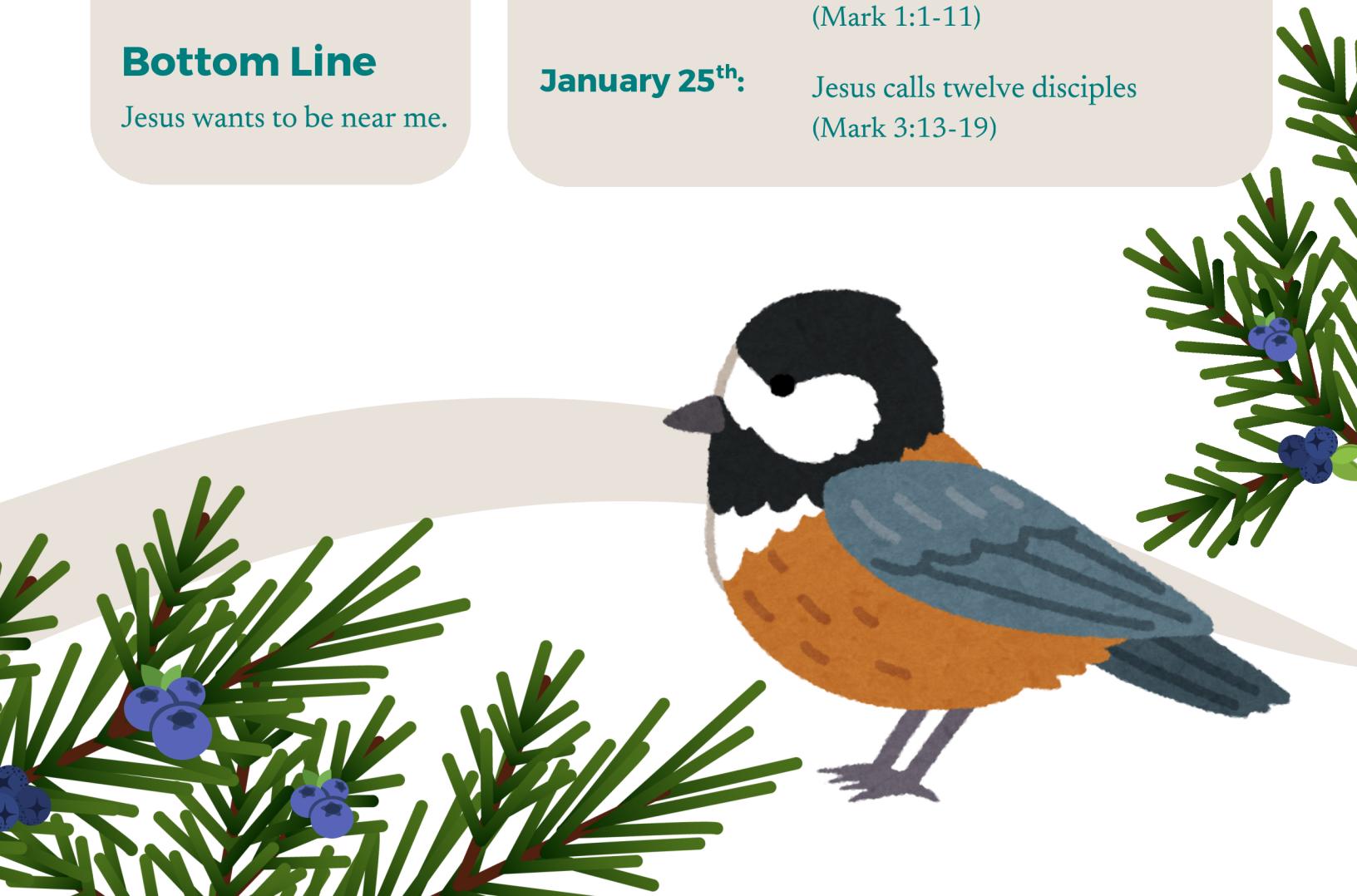
Jesus as a boy at the temple  
(Luke 2:41-50)

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:**

John the Baptist baptizes Jesus  
(Mark 1:1-11)

**January 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Jesus calls twelve disciples  
(Mark 3:13-19)



# SIMPLE WAYS TO BRING THE LESSONS HOME

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## MORNING TIME

When you first see your child each morning this month, give him a hug and say, "Good morning, my love! Today is a great day to follow Jesus!"



## PLAY TIME

Play school with your child. Gather some paper, pencils, books, crayons...whatever school supplies you may have. Let her be the teacher as you play together. Review letters, numbers, and colors. Let her "read" a book to you. Talk about how Jesus was a good student of God's Word, and He was already a good teacher when He was only twelve years old. That's amazing!



## DRIVE TIME

As you drive, tell your child that your car is following the car in front of you. Ask your child to name the color of the car you are following. Each time the car changes, ask your child to name the color of the new car you are following. Talk about how we can follow a car when we drive, but the most important person to follow is Jesus. Jesus wants to be near us, so He invites us to follow Him. When we follow Jesus, He will show us the right way to go.



## BATH TIME

Give your child a doll or figure of some sort to play with in the bathtub. Use the doll to show your child what it looks like to be baptized. Have your child pretend to baptize the doll. Remind your child that John baptized Jesus, and then God's voice said that Jesus was His Son. When people get baptized they are telling the world that they choose to follow Jesus every day and with all their hearts.



## CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray. "Father in heaven, thank you for giving us Jesus to show us how to love you and love others. Thank you for wanting to be near us. I pray as [Child's Name] gets older he will follow your Son, Jesus. Help me be a good example for [Child's Name] of what it means to follow Jesus. We love you, dear Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."