

Salvation

Bible Story Focus: Look at what Jesus did for us.

Salvation • *The Gospels*

Memory Verse: “Let us keep looking to Jesus.” Hebrews 12:2, NIV

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make It Fun Activities

Play (Doh) It Again

What You Need: “Jesus,” “Disciples,” and “Angry People” Activity Pages; cardstock; craft sticks (three per child); tape; scissors; and Play-Doh®

What You Do:

Give each child a “Jesus,” “Disciples,” and “Angry People” cutout, three craft sticks, and some Play-Doh. Assist the children in taping each of their pictures to a craft stick. Show the children how to shape a small amount of Play-Doh and then stick one of the craft sticks into the Play-Doh. The Play-Doh base will allow the children to stand their story pictures on the table and move them around without them falling as they retell the story.

(Note: If you have enough Play-Doh, give each child enough for them to make a tomb and stone.)

What You Say:

“I am giving you three pictures and three craft sticks. When I am done I’ll tell you what to do with them. *(Hold up “Jesus.”)* “Everyone look at this picture. Our story was about something amazing He did. Who remembers His name? *(Pause.)* Yes! His name is Jesus! Tape this picture to one of your craft sticks. *(Pause as you assist.)*

(Hold up “Disciples”) “Everyone look at this picture. These were Jesus’ friends, the disciples. They went everywhere with Jesus. Tape this picture to another one of your craft sticks. *(Pause as you assist.)*

(Hold up “Angry People”) “Everyone look at the faces on this picture. Are these people happy or angry? *(Pause.)* Yes, they are angry. Tape this picture to your last craft stick. *(Pause as you assist.)*

(Hold up some Play-Doh) “Now that we have all of our stick people ready, we can use this Play-Doh to help them stand. *(Demonstrate as you talk.)* Take some Play-Doh, mold it a little like this, and now take one of your stick people and push the end of the stick into the Play-Doh. *(Stand one of your stick people.)* See? Now it can stand. Let’s do that with all three of our stick people.”

“Now you can tell the story with me using your stick people. Just do what I do.”

(Hold up “Jesus”) “God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus did amazing things only He can do, and He loved everyone.”

(Set “Jesus” down so He is standing.)

(Hold up “Disciples”) “Jesus had some very close friends called the disciples. The disciples followed Jesus everywhere. They heard Him teach about God and saw Him do amazing things only He can do.”

(Set “Disciples” down by “Jesus.”)

(Hold up “Angry People”) “One day, some angry people came and took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus so bad that He died. *(Lay “Jesus” down.)* Jesus’ friends were so very sad. They wrapped Jesus’ body and buried Him in a tomb. “

(“Jesus” is down, the “Angry People” and “Disciples” are off to either side of “Jesus.”)

“Then, three days later—count with me: one, two, three—JESUS CAME BACK!”

(Stand “Jesus” back up.)

“When Jesus’ friends went to the tomb, it was empty. Jesus wasn’t there anymore. Later, Jesus went to visit His friends. *(Bring “Jesus” and “Disciples” together.)* He wanted them to see that He was alive and He wanted to tell them He wanted to be their friend forever.”

After the Activity: “Jesus did what only He can do so we can be friends with Him forever. Jesus loves us that much! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** And now you have these stick pictures to help you tell your family and friends that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever, too!”

Can You Do It?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Gather the children in the activity area. Lead them to repeat this month's verse as they follow the movements you indicate below.

- Jump
- Jumping jacks
- Pat head
- Stomp
- Clap
- March

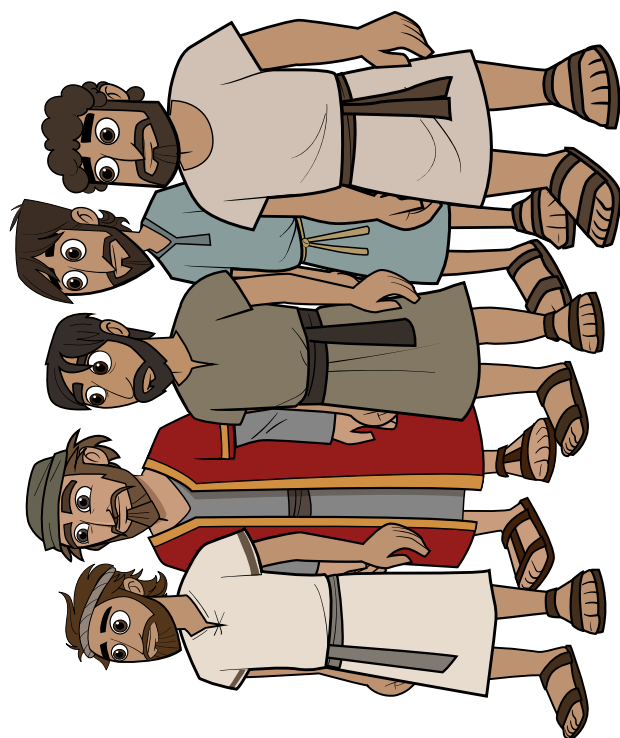
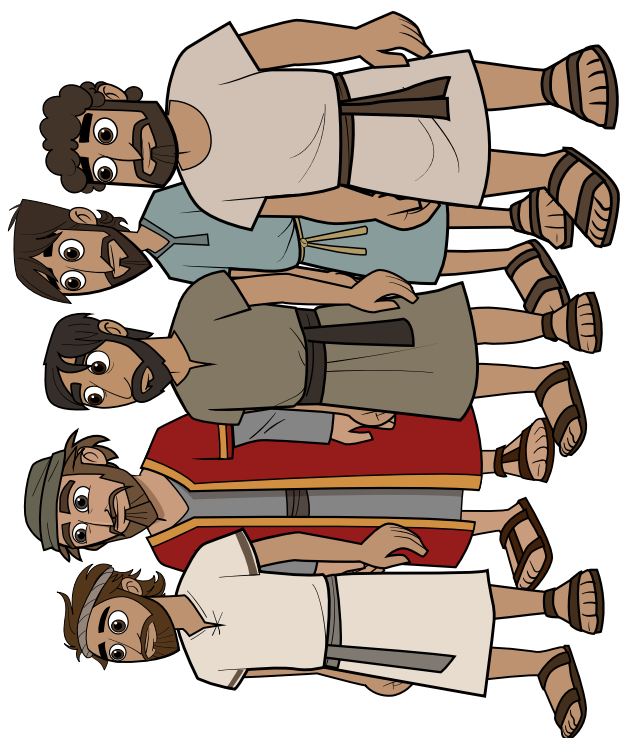
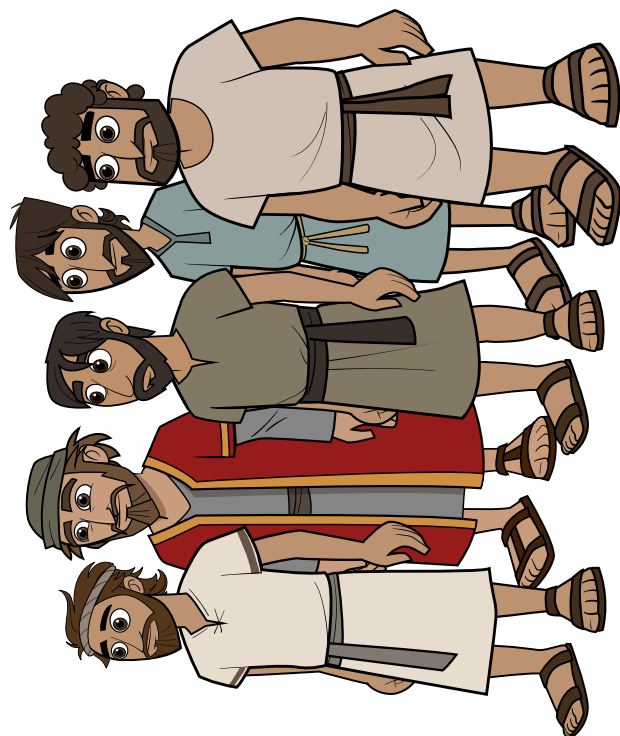
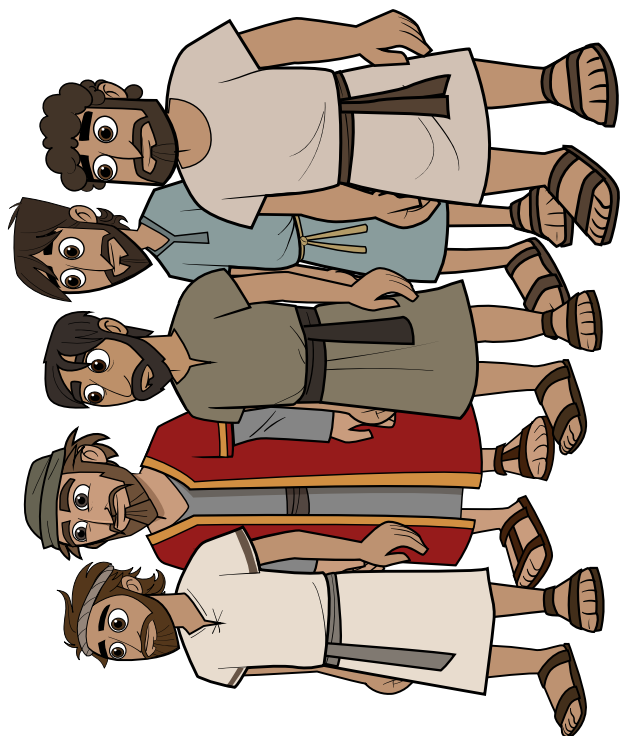
What You Say:

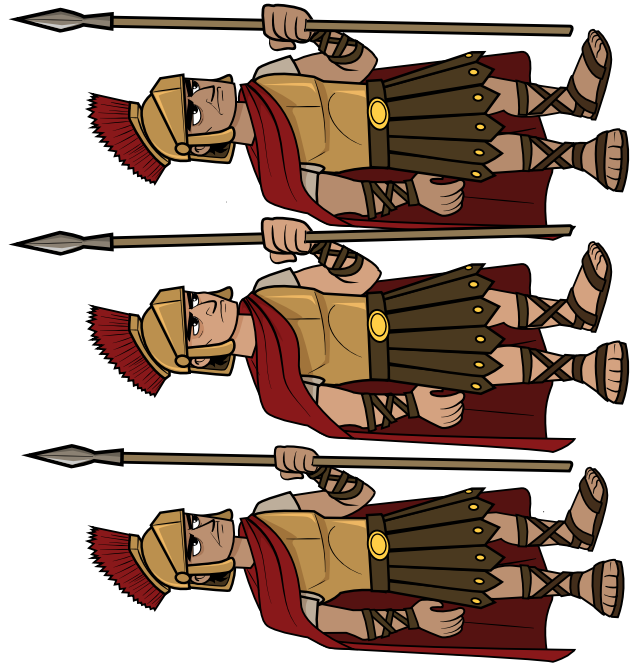
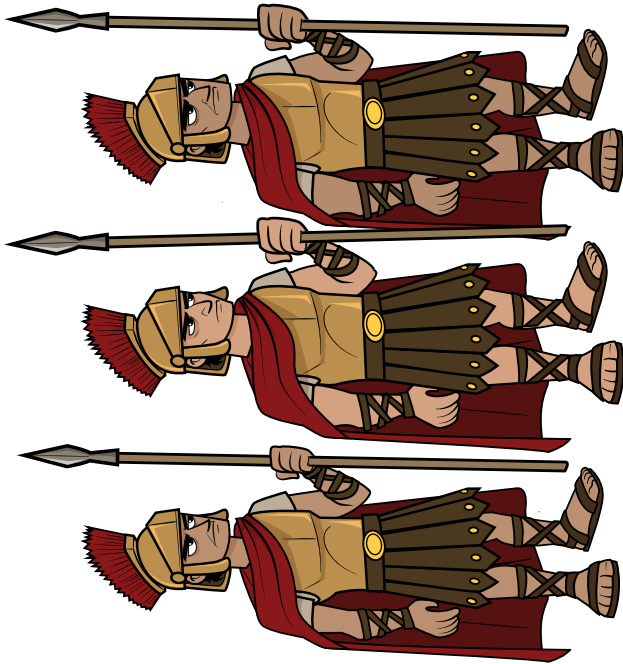
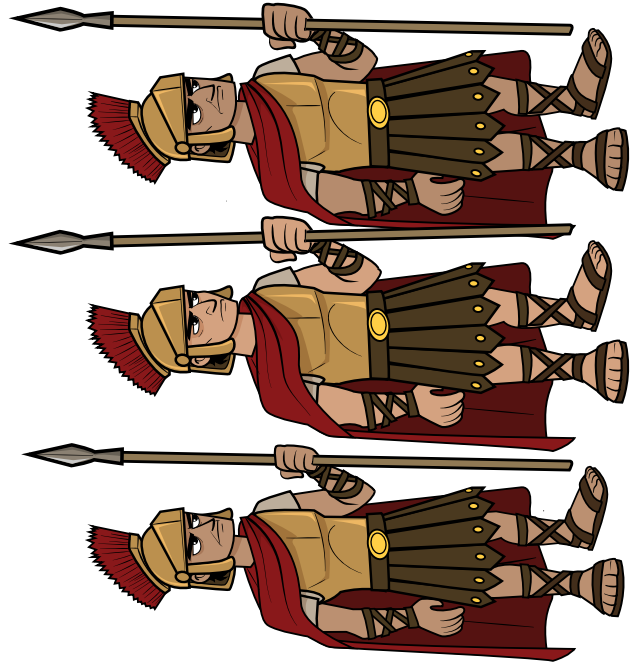
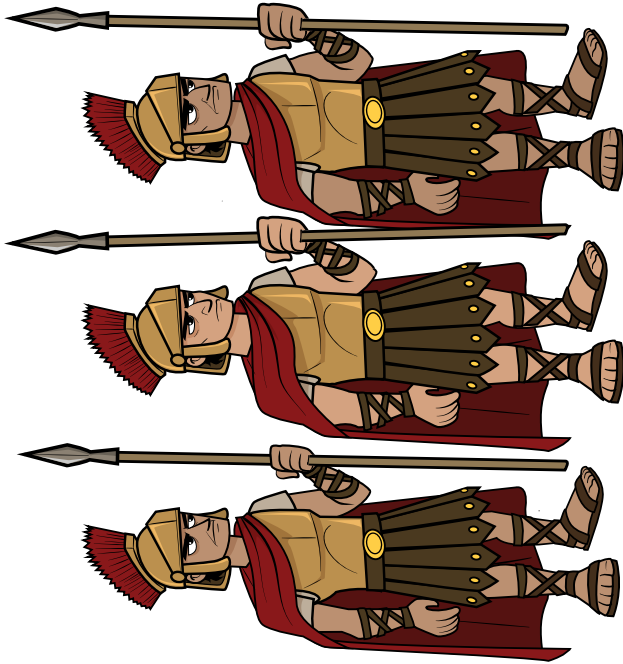
"Come stand with me! We've been learning an awesome verse this week. It says: *Let us (thumbs to chest) keep looking (hands to eyes like binoculars and look around) to Jesus (both hands pointing up), Hebrews 12:2.*" (Open hands like a book.)

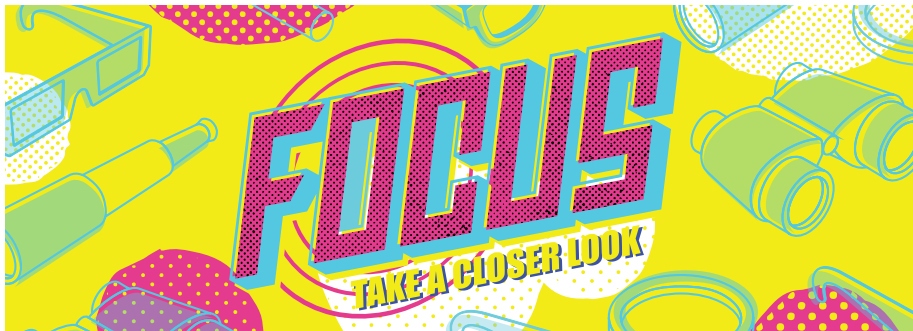
"Now, let's see if you can say the verse while you move in different ways. Can you say it while you jump? Let's try." (Repeat the verse several more times with the movements indicated above.)

"Nice moves, friends! We should keep looking to Jesus because Jesus is the best friend ever! Tell me: **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"









DAY THREE

THE GOSPELS

Jesus did what only He can do when He died and came back, just like He said He would.



REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us keep looking to Jesus."
HEBREWS 12:2, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who wants to be
your friend forever?
**JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.**



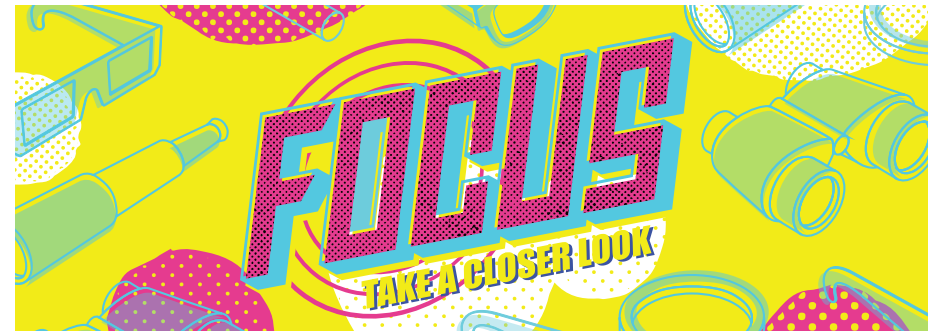
DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. I pray [child's name] will believe that Jesus is Your Son and choose to follow Him one day. Jesus really is the best friend we will ever have. Thank You for being so good to us, God. I love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.



DAY THREE

THE GOSPELS

Jesus did what only He can do when He died and came back, just like He said He would.



REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us keep looking to Jesus."
HEBREWS 12:2, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who wants to be
your friend forever?
**JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.**



DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. I pray [child's name] will believe that Jesus is Your Son and choose to follow Him one day. Jesus really is the best friend we will ever have. Thank You for being so good to us, God. I love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

PASSING DOWN FAITH

By Nina Schmigdall

My daughter plays the violin in a youth orchestra. When she plays, she sits tall and poised, reading music written by famous composers. It feels like a little miracle, especially since I have never been trained to play an instrument myself.

My ignorance becomes painfully obvious any time she needs help or guidance. My heart feels heavy when I realize I am ill-equipped to help her when she gets stuck or feels discouraged.

I have wrestled with that same self-doubt as I seek to pass on faith to my kids. I did not grow up in the church or in a family of faith. I met Jesus when I was older, and did not have a foundation of faith in my childhood.

But, I have learned I don't have to be an expert. No matter where you are in your faith, or if you ever feel unqualified, here's a few things you can do:

Live it out

Even if you are new in your faith, you can live it out in front of your kids, sharing with them both your mistakes and triumphs.

There's no better way for our kids to understand the true meaning of grace than when we invite them to witness the journey, letting them see firsthand the miracle of us being transformed right in front of their eyes.

Study the Bible

I asked a friend of mine, who did not grow up with a model of faith in his home, where he finds the tools to share with his kids. He answered confidently, "All that we, or our children, need to know about God is revealed in His Scriptures."

Pray

There can be something healthy about humbly accepting that something is outside of our expertise. Recognizing we may not have the tools we need can send us to our knees asking God for help.

Widen the Circle

One of the greatest revelations might be that we don't have to parent alone! I am blessed to have friends with powerful faith stories. We work to invite a chorus of voices into the lives of our kids.

Just as my kids have seen me fumble to guide my daughter as she has learned to play the violin, they will also be well aware of my shortcomings as I share with them my journey of faith. But I trust that one day, I will step back and marvel at how far they have come—despite me.

.....
For more blog posts
and parenting resources, visit:
ParentCue.org



**PARENT
CUE**

Download the free **Parent Cue App**
AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES

PASSING DOWN FAITH

By Nina Schmigdall

My daughter plays the violin in a youth orchestra. When she plays, she sits tall and poised, reading music written by famous composers. It feels like a little miracle, especially since I have never been trained to play an instrument myself.

My ignorance becomes painfully obvious any time she needs help or guidance. My heart feels heavy when I realize I am ill-equipped to help her when she gets stuck or feels discouraged.

I have wrestled with that same self-doubt as I seek to pass on faith to my kids. I did not grow up in the church or in a family of faith. I met Jesus when I was older, and did not have a foundation of faith in my childhood.

But, I have learned I don't have to be an expert. No matter where you are in your faith, or if you ever feel unqualified, here's a few things you can do:

Live it out

Even if you are new in your faith, you can live it out in front of your kids, sharing with them both your mistakes and triumphs.

There's no better way for our kids to understand the true meaning of grace than when we invite them to witness the journey, letting them see firsthand the miracle of us being transformed right in front of their eyes.

Study the Bible

I asked a friend of mine, who did not grow up with a model of faith in his home, where he finds the tools to share with his kids. He answered confidently, "All that we, or our children, need to know about God is revealed in His Scriptures."

Pray

There can be something healthy about humbly accepting that something is outside of our expertise. Recognizing we may not have the tools we need can send us to our knees asking God for help.

Widen the Circle

One of the greatest revelations might be that we don't have to parent alone! I am blessed to have friends with powerful faith stories. We work to invite a chorus of voices into the lives of our kids.

Just as my kids have seen me fumble to guide my daughter as she has learned to play the violin, they will also be well aware of my shortcomings as I share with them my journey of faith. But I trust that one day, I will step back and marvel at how far they have come—despite me.

.....
For more blog posts
and parenting resources, visit:
ParentCue.org



**PARENT
CUE**

Download the free **Parent Cue App**
AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES