

Fours

WONDER WAREHOUSE

Our desire is to help children experience the wonder of God by knowing three basic truths:

GOD MADE ME GOD LOVES ME

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FOREVER FRIEND

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Bible Story Focus: I spy someone who tells the truth.

Paul in Rome • Acts 28:11-31

Memory Verse: "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son

of God." John 20:31, NLV

Key Question: Who can believe in Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can believe in Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make It Fun Activities

True Story

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Retell the Bible story using hand motions for key points. Encourage your children to do the hand motions with you: thumbs up, rock a baby, hug yourself, and sign "Jesus loves me." (How to sign "Jesus loves me": Touch middle finger of right hand to left palm then middle finger of left hand to right palm, hug yourself, then point to your chest.)

What You Say:

"Come sit with me! We are going to tell the Bible story together. Paul went to a city called Rome to tell them that they can believe what Jesus says, because He always tell the truth. (Give two thumbs up.)

"We can believe Jesus when He says He is God's Son. Jesus is God's Son. Say that with me while you pretend to rock baby Jesus, like this. (*Pretend to rock a baby.*) Jesus is God's Son.

"We can believe Jesus when He says He loves us. Jesus loves me! Say that with your mouth while we say it with our hands like this. (Sign 'Jesus loves me.') Jesus loves me!

"We can believe Jesus when He says He wants to be our friend forever. Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Say that with me while we give ourselves a big hug like this. (Give yourself a hug.) Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

"We can believe in Jesus, because He always tells the truth. (Give two thumbs up.) Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus." (Repeat the words and motions to the Bible story review if time allows.)

Make It Stick Activity

What's Missing?

What You Need: Tray or cookie sheet, toy cars, crayons, small book, blocks, stars, moon, plastic dinner food, toy bed, small stuffed animal, and a towel

What You Do:

Place all of the items on the tray and cover with the towel. Place on a table. Play "what's missing?" Remove the towel and let your children look at everything on the tray. Cover the tray with the towel. Pick one item and secretly remove it from the tray. Remove the towel and ask your children to identify the missing item. Repeat as long as desired. Ask your children at what time of day they would use each item. Talk about how Paul talked to people day and night about Jesus.

What You Say:

"Come sit at the table with me. (Remove the towel.) Look really close at everything on the tray. (Pause.) We are going to play a game with all of this. Take one more look then we'll get started." (Cover the tray then secretly remove one item.) "Okay. (Remove the towel.) Look at the tray and tell me what's missing. (Pause.) Those are good guesses. (Give hints if needed.) It was the (name the item and show it)! Let's play again. (Return the item, cover the tray, and remove a different

object.) Okay, (remove towel) what's missing this time? (Repeat as long as desired.) You did a great job looking at all the items and figuring out what was missing. Let's look at everything on the tray. (Pause.) Some of these things are used in the daytime and some at night."

"In our Bible story, we learned that Paul traveled to cities to tell people Jesus is alive. Paul knew that nothing is more important than Jesus! Lots and lots of people came to hear what Paul had to say about Jesus. He would start talking about Jesus when the sun came up early in the morning and keep talking about Jesus until the sun went down and the moon came up late at night. Paul told the people that Jesus tells the truth when He says He is God's Son. Jesus tells the truth when He says if you believe in Him you will be His friend forever. And Jesus tells the truth when He says He loves us and will never leave us. Everything Jesus says is the truth, so we can believe in Him. Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus."