

First Look

Curriculum for Preschoolers & Kindergarteners

We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand . . . God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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Bible Story Focus: I spy someone I can tell about Jesus. Peter and Cornelius • Acts 10
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.

Worship:

Engage children's hearts through worship.

Memory Verse:

PARENT: "Tell me with all you've got, who can believe in Jesus?"

CHILDREN and PARENT: "I can believe in Jesus."

PARENT: "That's right, **I can believe in Jesus.** Let's say our verse together. 'These are written (*open your hands like a book*) so that you (*point out*) may believe (*point to head*) that Jesus is the Christ, (*point up*) the Son of God,' (*rock baby*) John 20:31 (*NLV*). (*Open your hands like a book.*) Say it with me!"

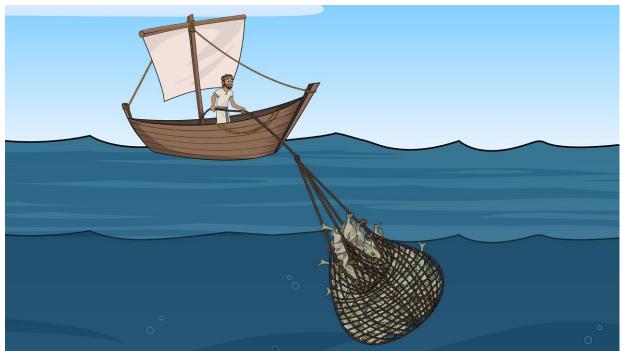
Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

PARENT: "I give that two thumbs! I'm so glad to know that Jesus loves me and wants to be my friend forever.

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

PARENT: Are you ready for today's story?



PARENT: "Today's Bible story begins with a man named Peter. Peter was a fisherman. That means he would get in a boat, go out on the water, and catch fish. Peter believed in Jesus, because Peter saw with his own eyes that Jesus is alive.



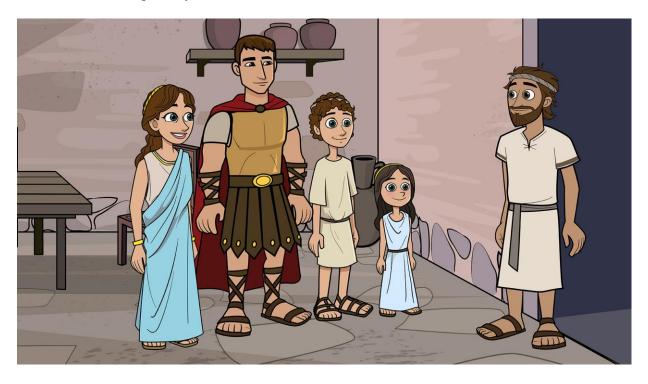
"One day, Jesus told Peter and His other friends that He would come back again. Until then, He wanted them to tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, Jesus loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

"After Jesus gave His friends this special job, He left and went to heaven. Jesus' friends told everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, Jesus loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!

"Then, one day, some men who were different than Peter knocked on his door.



"The men asked Peter to come to their house and tell all of their friends about Jesus. Peter knew that Jesus loves everyone, no matter what they look like, what language they speak, where they live, or what they have done. So, Peter said he would go to their house, even though they were different than him.



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"Peter told all of the people about Jesus, even though they were different than him. Peter told them about the amazing things Jesus did that only He can do. Peter told them how Jesus died and came back, just like He said He would. Peter told them that he knows Jesus is alive, because he saw Jesus and talked with Jesus; he even ate food with Jesus!

"After Peter told the people about Jesus, they believed in Jesus, too, because everyone, everywhere can believe in Jesus! That's why when I ask you, **'Who can believe in Jesus?'**, I want you to say, **'I can believe in Jesus!'** So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?'**

CHILDREN and PARENT: "I can believe in Jesus!"

PARENT: "Now, whisper it. Who can believe in Jesus?"

CHILDREN and PARENT: "I can believe in Jesus!"

PARENT: "Ok, let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

PARENT: "Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves everyone, everywhere no matter what they look like, where they live, what language they speak, or what they have done. Help us tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, He loves them, and He wants to be their friend forever. In Jesus' name, amen."

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John 20:31, NLV

