

SMALL  
TALK

MEMORY VERSE

"Go and make disciples  
of all nations."  
Matthew 28:19, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your  
friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be my  
friend forever.

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2015

WEEK 1 | MATTHEW 26:20-30; 27:45-50; 28:1-7

Jesus had to go away to make a way for us to be His friend forever, but He came back, just like He said He would.

WEEK 2 | MATTHEW 28:19-20

Jesus gave His friends the very special job of telling others about Him before He left.

WEEK 3 | ACTS 12:1-17

God sent an angel to help Peter get out of jail so he could tell others about Jesus.

WEEK 4 | ACTS 16:16-34

Paul and Silas praised the Lord while in jail. God caused an earthquake that freed them, but they stayed to tell the jailer about Jesus.





**PLAY TIME:** Gather a few toy cars and pretend to go places. Use couch pillows and other toys to mark your house, other family members' houses, and places your child is familiar with (grocery store, park, church, etc.). As you play, make sure you always go back to your "house" and say, "We're back!" Mention to your child that in the Bible, Jesus went away but He came back, just like He promised.



**CAR TIME:** As you drive, say this month's memory verse together, but replace the word "nations" with the people you see. For example, if you see a truck driver say, "'Go and make disciples of all [truck drivers], Matthew 28:19.'" If you see a grocery clerk say, "'Go and make disciples of all [grocery clerks], Matthew 28:19.'" It's a fun way to teach your child that Jesus wants us to "Go and make disciples of all nations."



**BATH TIME:** Play a whisper game during bath time. Everything you say has to be in a whisper. Pretend you're being very quiet like Peter was when he followed the angel out of jail. "Shh ... you don't want to wake up the jailer!" But once bath time is over, make all of the noise you want! "You're free! Just like Peter!"



It's amazing to know that there is ONE person that will never leave you, hurt you, lead you in the wrong direction, or cause you to do anything you shouldn't do. Jesus is your forever friend, and He will always be there for you! He loves you, and there is nothing you can do to make Him love you less! That is a pretty big deal, isn't it? It's what we're teaching our preschoolers this month. Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

Jesus wants to be your friend forever, too. Did you know that? No matter what you've done in the past, He loves you, and He died for you—you. If you haven't read it recently, open your Bible to the Easter story (Mathew 26-28). Jesus suffered greatly and ultimately gave the most supreme sacrifice—His life—to save us. He didn't do that for just the "good" kids. He died for ALL of us. He died so He could be our friend forever.

Take some time this month to pray with and remind your preschooler that Jesus wants to be his or her friend forever. If appropriate, share when you asked Him to be your friend forever.

Visit [www.TheParentCue.org](http://www.TheParentCue.org) and see how others are not just surviving, but thriving during these parenting years.



**CUDDLE TIME:** Cuddle up with your child and pray. "Dear God, I am so glad You gave me (name of child) and I get to be his mommy/daddy. I pray he grows up knowing You are always with him and will help him when he has to do hard things. I pray he will praise You no matter what is happening in his life. We love You. In Jesus name, amen."

