

Lesson Play Activities

1. Write Activity:

Prepare: Spray shaving cream on a table.

Say: “Let’s practice writing our names in a super fun way! Use your finger to write your name in the shaving cream. You’re doing a great job of writing! Writing reminds me of our memory verse this month. The Bible was written so that we can believe in Jesus! Let’s say our memory verse while we write.” (Say the memory verse with the children.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Say: “Great job! The Bible was written so that we can know and believe in Jesus! Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!”

2. Blindfolded Activity:

Prepare: Gather bandanas to use as blindfolds

Say: “In our Bible story, today, we heard how Saul’s friends had to help him get home after he was blinded on the road. Let’s pretend you are Saul by putting this blindfold on. I am going to lead you to different places in the house very carefully.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Say: “After the light, Saul heard a loud voice. Who was it? (Pause.) Jesus! Saul was blinded by the bright light, and his friends had to help him to the house where he stayed. But a few days later, Saul could see again, and he started believing in Jesus! And you can, too. Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus.”

Lesson Questions and Memory verse

Lesson Questions:

1. Who did Saul meet on the road? (Jesus!)
2. How did Saul change after he met Jesus? (Saul believed in Jesus and stopped being mean to others!)
3. Who can believe in Jesus? (I can believe in Jesus! Everyone can believe in Jesus!)
4. How does Jesus want us to act when we are His friends? (Jesus wants us to love everyone just like he does!)

Memory Verse: *Memory verse visual is attached below.

Say: "I am going to say our new memory verse. Watch me!"

"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." (Open your hands like a book.)

Do: Help your child find the verse in a Bible.

Say: "We have been practicing this verse! Are you ready to try it by yourself?"

Do: Encourage your child to try on to say the verse on their own. Encourage their efforts with praise and visual or verbal reminders if they get stuck.

Wrap Up: "Great job! This verse reminds us that reading the true Bible stories can help us to believe in Jesus!"

Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!"

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for the Bible that tells us about Jesus. Help us to believe the truth that Jesus is God's son and wants to be our friend!

Amen!

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Memory Verse Motions



"These are written



so that you



may believe



that Jesus is the Christ,



the Son of God.



John 20:31

I SPY



WEEK THREE

ACTS 9:1-20

Paul has a life-changing encounter with Jesus that makes him believe that Jesus is alive.



REMEMBER THIS:

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

JOHN 20:31, NLV



SAY THIS:

Who can believe in Jesus?
I CAN BELIEVE IN JESUS.



DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for all of the people who wrote down what they saw Jesus do so we can read it in the Bible and believe in Jesus, too. Please help [child's name], me, and [other family members] believe that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

PRACTICING FAITH SKILLS WITH YOUR CHILD

By Holly Crawshaw

If you're a parent reading this, chances are it's important to you to instill solid, character-building, faith-growing practices in the daily habits of your children. But thinking about being responsible for the development of someone else's faith feels like immense pressure—like rhino-on-my-chest level pressure.

Let me give you (us) some hope—just thinking about teaching our kids spiritual disciplines is a huge step in the right direction. Our thoughts steer our actions, and our actions are required when it comes to parenting with intentionality.

We have identified four skills that every kid can learn and practice to help them grow in their faith:

HEAR: Listen to God's Word. When we read the Bible and listen to what God has to tell us through His word, we learn we can trust God no matter what.

PRAY: Dialogue with God. Through prayer we connect with God. We show gratitude, say we're sorry, and express our feelings to God.

TALK: Articulate your faith. When we talk about our faith, we learn more about God and can tell others about Jesus.

LIVE: Worship with your life. Worshipping God is more than just singing songs. Worship is about living life in a way that honors God.

These four faith skills have the potential to create an incredible spiritual foundation in the lives and futures of your kids. So . . . how do we go about making these four practices daily habits for our kids? Here are a few tips:

1. It's never too late, or too early, to start.

8-months old, 8-years-old. 18-years-old. It doesn't matter. God has a way of meeting you where you are and gracefully filling in the gaps.

2. You don't have to have all the answers.

It's okay—healthy, even—to say, "I don't know," when it comes to questions about faith. Other great responses are, "Let's ask someone who knows more," "Let's look it up together," or, "That's a great question to save for down the road."

3. It starts with you.

The best way to teach kids faith skills is to practice them in our own lives. You don't have to make a production out of every quiet time, but modeling a daily pursuit of your relationship with God accomplishes way more than our words ever could.



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