

BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

BOTTOM LINE

I CAN BELIEVE IN JESUS.

BIBLE WORDS

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."
John 20:31, NLV

There are four playtimes to teach the monthly bottom line through play. Repeat each activity as long as there is interest. Remember, toddlers LOVE repetition.

MONTHLY PLAYTIMES:

- You Can
- Tunnel Time
- Believe In Jesus
- Find Jesus

1. YOU CAN

WHAT YOU DO: Sit with toddler and do motions with him.

WHAT YOU SAY: "You can clap. Clap with me. You can jump. Jump with me. You can smile. Smile with me. You can give high fives. High five with me. You can do all those things and you can believe in Jesus. Yay!"

2. TUNNEL TIME

WHAT YOU NEED: Pop-up tunnel, couch cushions, or a table with sheets hanging down on the sides.

WHAT YOU DO: Gather your children and go through the tunnel one at a time. As your child emerges, say "[Child's Name] can believe in Jesus." Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Can you crawl through the tunnel? Yes, you can crawl through the tunnel! Crawl through to me. Yay! [Child's name.] can believe in Jesus. (Repeat with each child as they crawl through.) We all can believe in Jesus! Yes, you, and I can believe in Jesus!"

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3. BELIEVE IN JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: Toddler-safe shakers (you can make a shaker by putting rice, beans, or noodles in an empty water bottle and taping the lid closed tightly)

WHAT YOU DO: Give your toddler one or two shakers and say the Bottom Line. Shake your shakers by your side during "You can believe in" and then hands up for "Jesus!" Say the chant while standing and dancing. Older children will want to march around the room while saying the chant. Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Did you know that you can believe in Jesus? You can! Great, let's shake!"

(Chanting.)

"You can believe in

"Jesus!

"You can believe in

"Jesus!

"You can believe in

"Jesus!

"Yeah!"

4. FIND JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: Toddler Bible

WHAT YOU DO: Sit with your child and look through a Toddler Bible. Specifically, look for pictures of Jesus. Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Come and sit with me. This is a Bible. It tells us all about Jesus who wants to be our friend forever. Let's see if we can find a picture of Jesus in this Bible. There's Jesus! You can believe in Jesus! Let's find another picture. There's Jesus! You can believe in Jesus!"

Older Toddler Play Activities

1. Playdough Activity:

Prepare: Pass out play-doh and tools.

Do: Instruct the children to use the tools provided to make food out of their Play-Doh. Encourage them to think of their favorite food then shape it with the tools.

Say: What is your favorite food? Sometimes we make our favorite foods to celebrate or have a special meal. **AFTER**

THE ACTIVITY:

Say: “All of the Play-Doh food creations are making me hungry! In this week’s Bible story, we heard about a special meal with a special person.”

2. Rock Size Activity:

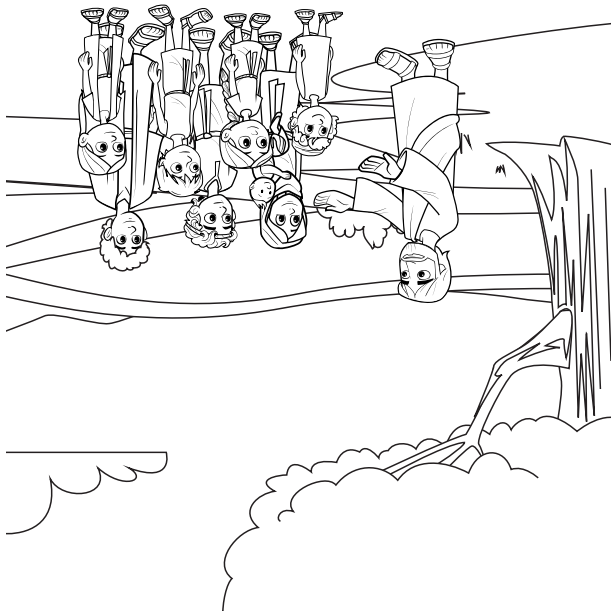
Prepare: Take your kids outside and gather some rocks of varying sizes.

Say: “These rocks are all different sizes. (Point.) Let’s put them in a line from smallest to largest.”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Say: “Nice job! This is the smallest rock (point to the first rock in the line), and this is the largest rock (point to last rock in the line). Today, in our Bible story, we will talk about a HUGE stone that was rolled away!”

3. Coloring Book Story Sheet is Attached



Jesus loves everyone.



Jesus is alive!

Jesus' friends were so sad
because He was gone.



Jesus came back!



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Memory Verse Motions



"These are written



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may believe



that Jesus is the Christ,



the Son of God.



John 20:31

I SPY



WEEK TWO

MATTHEW 26—28; JOHN 21:1-14

Jesus dies and comes back. Then He visits His friends so they can see that He 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:



As you drive, take turns with your child naming things you believe. You may say, “I believe some trees are green.” Or you may say, “I believe birds can fly.” Your child will probably come up with all kinds of interesting ideas! End your drive by saying, “I believe Jesus wants to be our friend forever.”

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SECRET FOR DADS FROM A DAUGHTER

By Hannah Joiner Crosby

I thought of a few secrets that I wanted my dad to know about his daughter that might be beneficial for other dads too.

1. Rolling my eyes didn't always mean what I was communicating.

I remember rolling my eyes as a little girl when my dad needed to take me by his office. The funny thing is I also remember REALLY wanting to go. I just didn't want him to know that. Yes, we do play games, and I'm sorry it's so confusing! I loved feeling like I was important enough to be around my dad's workplace. It made me feel like he was proud to be my dad.

2. I loved when you invested in getting to know my friends.

When my dad would get to know my friends (at any age), it meant the world to me. I pretended to be embarrassed sometimes. Little did he know, he was communicating his genuine interest in my life. What was important to me was also important to him. And I began to realize that his purpose was not to just make the rules, he wanted to build a relationship with me.

3. Letting go helped me decide who I wanted to be.

When I was sixteen, I got into some trouble at school. I was scared to death

of what my punishment would be when my dad got home. This is one of those times I remember him “letting go.” He didn't really punish me, he just told me I was old enough to make my own decisions and that I was accountable to God and myself.

The next day, he took me to work with him and treated me like an adult. This was a turning point in my life. I was heartbroken knowing he was disappointed in me. I WANTED a punishment so that I could just pay for it. Instead, letting go in that moment taught me who I wanted to be—someone that could make the right decisions without rules.

Dads, I wish I had been better at communicating to my father how much his holding on and letting go meant to me. The chances are your daughters will probably wish the same thing one day. If you are fighting for her and trying your best, she knows it. So don't stop. Of course my dad didn't do everything right, but none of that matters now because he fought for our relationship. I really believe that's the most crucial part.

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