



MAKE IT TRUE

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of the room.

Encourage the kids to have fun singing with you and then share the Bible Story.

Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

FIRST LOOK OFFERS A WEEKLY BIBLE STORY ON OUR DVD TITLED "WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY," WHICH YOU MAY CHOOSE TO USE RATHER THAN A LIVE STORYTELLER THIS WEEK. THIS DVD IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT WWW.ORANGESTORE.ORG



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BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

KEY QUESTION

WHO CAN YOU FOLLOW?

BOTTOM LINE

I CAN FOLLOW JESUS.

MEMORY VERSE

“Come, and follow me,” Jesus said. Matthew 4:19, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**God sent Jesus to do an important job.
Follow Me • The Gospels**

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player, this month’s worship song, “My Friend Forever,” downloaded from the Web site, and the motions for the song.

LEADER: “Good morning everyone. Are you ready to hear more about our friend, Jesus? You are! That’s awesome. Jesus loves us so much. He wants to be our friend forever, and He wants us to follow Him. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.** Yes, you can follow Jesus because He wants to be your friend forever.”

Lead children in singing “My Friend Forever.”

LEADER: “Wow! You are doing great with this song. It’s so fun to sing about our good friend, Jesus. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.**”

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

LEADER: *(Lay Bible down in front of you.)* “Come here, everyone, and sit with me! It’s story time! Yay for story time! Our story comes from this very special book—the Bible! *(Hold up Bible, give it a big hug, and lay it down.)*

“We love the Bible because it has God’s stories in it. And God’s stories are always TRUE! *(Thumbs up.)*

“The Bible story today begins with fish. Fish are silly and fun to watch, right?! Do any of you have pet fish? *(Pause.)* Oh, fun! Can you guys make your best fish faces? *(Pause. Demonstrate.)* Oh, wow. You guys look just like fish! You are all set to hear our story today now. Ready?! *(Pause.)* Awesome. Let’s put our fishy faces away for a bit later.

“So the true story begins with some men who were fishing. In fact, fishing was their job. Every morning they’d go out to fish. And every night, they’d go home and sell the fish they caught. They were hard workers, BUT they were not teachers. A teacher’s job is to ... teach! The fishermen were SO SURPRISED that one day Jesus called to them.

(Cup hands around mouth.) “Come follow me!” Jesus said.

“The fishermen probably thought, ‘What? *(Pause. Point to self and look surprised.)* Who, us?!”



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“The fishermen thought Jesus must be talking to someone else. They knew how to catch fish. Remember, that was their job. They didn’t how to teach people like Jesus did.

“What do you think? (Pause.) Do you think Jesus was talking to someone else? (Pause.) No! He was calling the fishermen.

(Cup hands around mouth.) “Come follow me!” Jesus said. “We have an important job to do! God sent me to tell everyone that He loves them, and I want you to help me!”

“So the fishermen came to the shore where Jesus was and put down their nets—the most important thing to do their job of fishing with—and they followed Jesus. They followed Jesus!

“Jesus wanted the fishermen to follow Him, and you know what? (Pause.) He wants you and me to follow him too! Everyone can follow Jesus.

“God sent Jesus to do an important job. Jesus came because He wants to be our friend forever. He wants us to follow Him. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**

“You guys try it with me. I’ll ask, **‘Who can you follow?’** And you guys say, **‘I can follow Jesus!’** Ready?! (Pause.) **Who can you follow?’**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “I can follow Jesus!”

LEADER: “Great job! But I think you guys could say it a tad louder. Ready? (Pause.) **Who can you follow?’**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “I can follow Jesus!”

LEADER: “Excellent! It’s true, friends! Let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank You for this amazing story in the Bible to teach us that we can follow Jesus. Thank You for sending Jesus to do important things. We love You, God! Amen.

“Great listening today, friends!”