

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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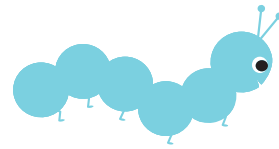
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BASIC TRUTH

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 something special.
Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-16**

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: “Hello friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Today is a special day! It’s Palm Sunday. It’s such a fun day! I can’t wait to learn more about our good friend, Jesus, and following Him. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.** That’s right! Let’s sing our song.”

Lead children in singing “My Friend Forever.”

LEADER: “So good! I’m so proud of how well you’re learning this song. Great job everyone. Now, tell me. **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.)*

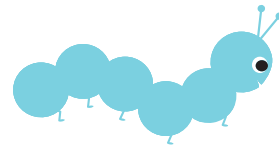
“We love the Bible because it has God’s stories in it. And God’s stories are always TRUE! *(Thumbs up.)*

“The story today begins in the town of Jerusalem when the people there heard that Jesus, the best teacher ever, was coming! They were so happy they kept yelling, ‘Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!’ Can you say that with me, friends? *(Pause.)* Try it! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Fantastic job! The people wanted to meet the best teacher ever!

“Now listen to this: Jesus came into town riding on a donkey. And the people got so excited they took off their coats and laid them on the road in front of Him.

“Then they waved palm branches, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ Can you say that with me? *(Pause.)* Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! This time, do it louder. Ready? *(Pause.)* Go! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Yes!

“It was such a fun party and everyone there wanted to follow Jesus! God sent Jesus to do something special. Jesus wants to be our friend forever and He wants us to follow Him. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**



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“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!”