



MAKE IT TRUE - RUG

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of a room for a large group time that includes worship and Bible Story.

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship and then settle them for the memory verse and Bible story.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

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

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

BOTTOM LINE

I CAN TRUST GOD.

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NCV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

I should go God's way.
Jonah • Jonah 1:1-3:10

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" (from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website) in your Bible at Proverbs 3:5. You will also need a CD player and this month's worship song, "Every Day I Can," which you will need to download from the Website. You will also need a Bible

LEADER: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today! It's so much fun to sing with you. We've got another great story to share with you today, but first let's remember our Bottom Line. **Who can you trust?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can trust God!"

LEADER: "Yes, you can! Let's sing about it."

(Lead children in singing "Every Day I Can," this month's worship song.)

"Great singing, my friends. Remember, **I can trust God! Who can you trust?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can trust God!"

LEADER: "Exactly. **I can trust God!** Let's review our memory verse. 'Trust the Lord (point both index fingers straight up in the air) with all (stretch arms out wide) your heart' (bring both hands together over your heart), Proverbs 3:5. (Hold hands open like a book.) Let's try that together."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Trust the Lord (point both index fingers straight up in the air) with all (stretch arms out wide) your heart' (bring both hands together over your heart), Proverbs 3:5." (Hold hands open like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

LEADER: "You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today!

"Today's true story is about a guy named Jonah. This true story is from the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) One day, God asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh. But Jonah was scared. Nineveh was full of a lot of mean people. God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the mean people there to stop being mean and to go God's way. But as you can see, Jonah was scared. Can you show me your scared faces? (Pause.) Good job. I bet Jonah looked just like that. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. He wanted to go sail on a boat far away.

"Can you guys tell Jonah what he should do? Should he go Jonah's way, or God's



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way?" (Pause.)

CHILDREN: "God's way!"

LEADER: "Yes! He should go God's way. But, Jonah didn't go God's way. He got in a boat and sailed the wrong way.

"Oh Jonah, God's way is always the best way. I wish you would trust Him. But Jonah was too scared to trust God, so he sailed away. But then God sent Jonah a big storm! There was wind. Can you rub your hands together like this? (*Rub your hands quickly together to make wind.*) And then rain! Can you pat your legs like this? (*Pat your legs to make rain sounds.*) Now rub your hands again! (*Pause as they follow you.*) Now pat your legs. (*Pause again.*) It rained more and more, harder and harder. Jonah knew God sent the storm for him! So in order to save the crew, he told them to throw him into the water. Everyone say, 'Geronimo!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Geronimo!"

LEADER: "Jonah threw himself into the water and then God sent a giant FISH to swallow him up. A FISH!"

"Now here Jonah was, inside the belly of the big fish! I'll bet Jonah was wishing he'd gone God's way. What do you guys think? Do you think Jonah should have gone God's way? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! God loves us and wants what's best for us. He didn't want Jonah to be in the belly of the fish. But Jonah did things Jonah's way. And now here he was, inside that big fish.

"But Jonah was sorry. He prayed and asked God for another chance to go His way. So God had the giant fish SPIT HIM OUT. The fish SPIT him out onto dry land!

"Then, Jonah went to Nineveh even though he was scared. Jonah trusted God. And when he got there, the Ninevites listened to Jonah talk about God, and they decided to go God's way too.

"Jonah learned to go God's way and I hope you did too! We can trust God. Tell me: **Who can you trust?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can trust God."

LEADER: "Yes! Jonah could trust God. You can trust God. **I can trust God.** Let's pray about that together.



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"God thank You for the story of Jonah. Thank You for giving him a second chance to trust You and go Your way. Help us to listen and go Your way too. We want to trust You, God, in everything we do! Amen."