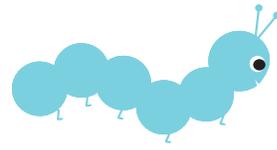




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MAKE IT TRUE

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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MAKE IT TRUE

BASIC TRUTH

**JESUS WANTS TO BE
MY FRIEND FOREVER.**

KEY QUESTION

WHO LOVES YOU?

BOTTOM LINE

JESUS LOVES ME.

MEMORY VERSE

**"How wide and long and high and
deep is the love of Christ."
Ephesians 3:18, NIV**

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**Jesus wants to spend time with me.
Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42**

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player, this month's worship song, "Hey, hey, hey! Jesus Loves Me" (downloaded from the Website), and the motions for the song

LEADER: "Good morning, friends! It is so great to see you today. I mean it is SO (spread arms wide) GREAT to see you! This month we're going to be hearing about how Jesus' love for us is SO BIG! (Spread arms wide.) Yes, Jesus loves you and **Jesus loves me** SO MUCH! (Spread arms wide.) Now let's learn our new song together.

Lead children in singing "Hey, hey, hey! Jesus Loves Me."

"You all did a fabulous job with our new song. It's so exciting! Now tell me: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, apron, doll, large mixing bowl, and mixing spoon

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.)

"Today's true story from the Bible is about two of Jesus' friends who lived in a house. Their names were Mary and Martha. (Put apron on while talking.) I will be Martha today. And this (hold up doll) will be Mary. Martha seemed a tad busy. Well, she probably was, because today their friend Jesus was coming to visit! When Jesus came to visit His friends Mary and Martha, they were very excited! As soon as Jesus got there, Mary sat right down at Jesus' feet to spend time with Him. (Sit doll on floor.)

"But Martha—OH, Martha—well, she was busy! She was doing things like stirring. (Pretend to stir with the bowl and spoon.) Do you guys know how to stir too? (Pause.) Grab a pretend bowl and spoon and start stirring just like Martha did. Let me see! (Pause.) Some of you have definitely helped stir at home before! Keep stirring. I bet Martha was stirring really fast, because she was trying to do so many things. Let's try fast stirring. Ready?! Go! (Stir fast.) Stir, stir, stir. Stir, stir, stir! Great job! Okay, hands in your lap.

"Martha was probably also very busy checking the bread in the oven. And she probably had to fill all the cups up so everyone would have something to drink. Martha



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was trying to make everything perfect for Jesus. Meanwhile, her sister (*point to doll*) Mary was JUST SITTING THERE!

"Martha was doing all the work and Mary was just sitting there talking to Jesus! Martha got so upset she marched right up to Jesus and said, 'Jesus, don't You care that I'm doing all the work? Tell my sister to help me!'

"But you know what Jesus said? He looked at Martha and said (*say in deep voice*): "Martha, Martha, . . . you are worried and upset about many things. . . . Mary has chosen what is better" (*Luke 10:41-42 NIV*).

"Whoa! Jesus liked that Mary was sitting and talking to Him. Jesus didn't come to their house to have a fancy meal. He came to spend time with His friends.

"And you know what? Jesus wants to spend time with you too! (*Point to a child.*) And you and you and you and you and you! (*Continue pointing while laughing.*)

"Jesus LOVES spending time with us, because His love for us is (*extend arms*) soooo big. Say 'so big' with me! (*Extend arms.*) 'SOOOO BIG!' That's why we should talk to Him and sing songs to Him. And we should take walks and thank Him for all the things He's made.

"We should do all these things, because His love for us is SOOOO BIG! (*Laugh.*) Come on now, I know you guys can be louder than that! Jesus' love for us is what? (*Cup ear and listen.*) SOOOO BIG! Great job! Jesus loves you SO BIG! **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!**

"So I'm going to ask you: **Who loves you?** (*Hand to ear.*) And then you guys are going to yell out: **Jesus loves me!** Ready? **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "Again! Who loves you?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "That's right, friends. No matter what, Jesus loves us. He loves us SO BIG. And He wants to spend time with us! Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for this story today and thank You for loving us SO BIG! We love You, God. Amen.