



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 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 loves me.
Jesus and the Children
• Luke 18:15-16**

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, everyone. It's so great to see you here today. Who can remember who we're talking about this month? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus. Jesus' love for us is SO BIG (Spread arms wide.). **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.** Great job! Let's sing.

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

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible and baby doll

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.)

"So today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus and the huge crowd that came to hear Him teach. Friends, we're talking a LOT of people. (Hold arms out wide.)

"Jesus was telling the large group of people how much God loves them and how they should live. Very important stuff! But then some people in the crowd brought their babies for Jesus to hold. (Pull out a baby doll.) What kinds of sounds do babies make? Can you make happy baby noises? (Listen.) Yes, they giggle a lot. How about sad baby noises? (Listen.) Oh my! Babies can be soooooo cute though, right? You can make silly faces at them and they think you are funny. You can play peek-a-boo and they giggle! They can be so fun to be around.

"Well, as I was saying, some people in the very large crowd brought their babies for Jesus to hold. And before Jesus could say anything, Jesus' friends, the disciples, said 'No, no, no! Jesus is doing very important things!' They tried to keep the babies and children away from Jesus.

"And then Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me" (Luke 8:16 NIV).



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"And He held them and He told the crowd to never stop children from coming to see Him, because children are very important to God. God made children, and He loves them.

"You hear that, friends? YOU are important to Jesus. Jesus loves you, and He wants to be your friend forever. It doesn't matter how old you are, you are important and He loves you (*extend arms*) SOOO big! Come on, let's say that together. Jesus loves you (*extend arms with kids*) SOOO big! It's true. He loves us. **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: "Great job! **Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"

LEADER: "That's right, friends. No matter what, Jesus loves us. And His love is SOOOO BIG! Let's pray.

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