



# 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](http://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 wants to help me.  
The Centurion  
• Matthew 8:5-13**

## 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:** "Hello, friends. What a wonderful day. I can't wait to sing with you. I love singing with you every week. But first tell me: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.** That's right! Let's sing our song.

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

"So good! I'm so proud of how well you're learning this song. Great job, everyone. Now tell me one more time: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me.**"

## 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.)

"Today's true story from the Bible starts when Jesus came to a new city when suddenly a big important soldier walked up to Him. This soldier was a centurion! Whoa! And you guys, centurions were very cool and very important!

"Centurions were the leaders of the army. They had the power to tell their soldiers to go, and they would go. They would tell them to come back, and they would come back.

"Centurions were big and strong and very important, and they could do lots and lots of things. But the centurion in our story had a problem that he couldn't fix, and he needed Jesus to help him.

"So when he saw Jesus come into town, the centurion went to him and begged for help. 'Jesus,' he said. 'My servant is at home. But he can't walk and is very, very sick.'

"So right away, Jesus said to the centurion: 'I will come to your house and heal him!'

"And the centurion said, 'I don't deserve to have you at my house, but I know if you



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just say the word, my servant will be better!"

"And he was right! Jesus was so powerful He just said the word and right away the servant was all better! Everyone say "WOW!" (Pause.) That is amazing! All the centurion had to do was ask Jesus for help and Jesus helped him. Isn't Jesus just the best? He heard someone needed His help and He helped them. Now you tell me, do you think if YOU needed help that Jesus would help you? (Pause.) YES! Of course He would! Why? Because He loves each one of us SOOOO big! Stretch your arms out big like this. (Demonstrate.) Say that with me: He loves me SOOOOO big! Again. He loves me SOOOOO 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: "Again! Who loves you?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves me!"**

**STORYTELLER: "That's right, friends. No matter what, Jesus will always love you, and He always wants to help you. Let's pray together.**

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