

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

HOW CAN YOU LOVE LIKE JESUS?

BOTTOM LINE

I CAN LOVE EVERYONE.

MEMORY VERSE

**"Love one another."
John 13:34, NIV**

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**I can share when I have a lot.
Bigger Barns
• Luke 12:16-21**

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player, this month's worship song, "His Love Never Ends," 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, we're talking about how to love like Jesus. Jesus loves everyone and so can we! **How can you love like Jesus? I can love everyone.** Great job! Let's sing.

Lead children in singing "His Love Never Ends."

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **How can you love like Jesus? I can love everyone.**

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: A Bible, a straw hat, a large bag of pom-poms, 1 small clear container, 1 large clear container, 3 paper plates, and a box to put all the props in

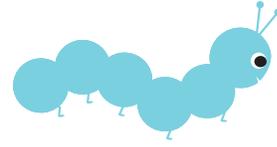
STORYTELLER: (Sit on the floor with the box nearby. Pick up the Bible.) "Hello, friends. I have a story to tell you. It's a story that Jesus told to teach us something. Are you ready to hear the story Jesus told in the Bible? (Hold up Bible.)

"Jesus once told a story about a farmer. (Put the straw hat on your head.) Now this farmer was a really good farmer. One year, everything he planted grew into food. He had a lot. The farmer was very happy. Let's pretend this is the food he grew. (Pull out the large bag of pom-poms.) Wow! That's a lot of food!

"Now when the farmer went to put all his food into the barn, guess what happened. (Pull out the small container and set it on the floor so the kids can see it.) When he went to store his food, it wouldn't fit. His barn was too small for all his food. (Pour the pom-poms into the small container until it overflows.)

"What would he do? The farmer had a choice to make. (Pull out the large container and set it next to the small one.) He could build bigger barns to put all the food in, so he could keep it all for himself, even though he could never eat all that food. Or he could share. (Pull out the plates, and then pour a few pom-poms from the small container onto each plate.)

"He could give the extra food to families who didn't have a lot. Then everyone could



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have enough. So tell me, if you were the farmer, what would you do? Would you build bigger barns (*hold up the large container*) or share? (*Hold up one of the plates.*)

"You'd share! Of course you would, because you want to love everyone like Jesus. But do you know what the farmer did? He chose to build the bigger barns. (*Begin pouring ALL the pom-poms into the large container.*) He kept it all for himself and God was not happy.

"So what do we learn from this story? What was Jesus trying to teach us? Jesus wanted us to know that whenever we have a lot—a lot of toys, a lot of snack, a lot of anything—that we would remember to share with others. It's the one way we can love everyone like Jesus. **How can you love like Jesus? I can love everyone. How can you love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "I can love everyone."

STORYTELLER: "That's right! Jesus told us that sharing is loving and that's the best thing to do. Keeping your stuff to yourself isn't loving and we want to love like Jesus does. **How can you love like Jesus? I can love everyone.** Let's pray!

"Dear God, thank You for this story Jesus told that reminds us that one big way we can love others is by sharing when we have a lot. Help us to be different from the farmer and to look for opportunities to share and love like You love us. In Jesus' name, amen."