



# 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 IS THE BEST?**

## BOTTOM LINE

**JESUS IS THE BEST!**

## MEMORY VERSE

**"God loved the world so much that  
He gave His only Son."  
John 3:16, GNT**

## BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**Jesus made the church to  
do great things.  
Peter the Rock  
• Matthew 16:17-18**

## WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** CD player, this month's worship song, "He Does Good Things," downloaded from the Website, and the motions for the song

**LEADER:** "Hi, everyone! Last week was so much fun celebrating Easter, but this week is going to be awesome too because we are still talking about our best friend, Jesus. **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!** Let's sing!

*(Lead children in singing "He Does Good Things.")*

"Way to go! You are all such amazing singers. Now remind me: **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!** That's right, friends. You better believe it!"

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible

**STORYTELLER:** *(Gather the children to sit in a circle on the floor with you.)* "Hello, everyone! It's great to see you today. I have an awesome story to tell you from the Bible! *(Hold up Bible.)* This true story happened after Jesus died and came back on Easter. One day, He told one of His very best disciples, a guy named Peter, a secret. It was a very important secret. You want to hear it? *(Pause.)*

"Jesus told Peter that he was going to do something really good! Peter was going to build the Church. Now wait, wait, wait. Do you think he meant that Peter was going to build a whole church by himself? I mean, it's a big job to build a church building like this one, right?

"Is that what Jesus meant? Nope! Jesus wasn't talking about building a church building! Jesus meant that Peter would be a strong leader who goes and tells people about Jesus. Jesus wasn't talking about a building, he was talking about the PEOPLE that make up the Church!

"Jesus told Peter to tell others about him. And that's just what Peter did. He started telling people about Jesus and how He is the best and people listened!

"Soon, there were thousands of people who believed in Jesus and they became the very first church with Peter as their leader.

"Because Peter told people about Jesus, now you and I know about Jesus because



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of all the people that shared that good news with us!

"Aren't you glad Peter told everyone about Jesus? We wouldn't be here right now talking about Jesus if Peter hadn't been a strong leader and built the Church like Jesus told him to. It's because of Peter that we all know that Jesus is not just good, not just awesome, but He's the BEST. He's number one, right? Let's cheer that together."

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "He's number one. He's number one. He's number one."

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus is number one! Tell me: **Who is the best?**"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "**Jesus is the best.** Great job today, everyone. Now let's pray together."

**STORYTELLER:** "God, thank You for Peter. He was a strong leader who told so many people about Jesus. Thank You that we know about Jesus and how He is the best because of Peter. Thank You for all the people—like all of these awesome boys and girls and volunteers—who make up Your Church. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."