



MAKE IT TRUE - RUG

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of a room for a large group time that includes worship and Bible Story.

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship and then settle them for the memory verse and Bible story.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be “told” and not “read.” Advanced preparation is necessary.

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 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

God sent Jesus to be
my friend forever.
Easter

- Matthew 26:20-30;
27:45-50; 28:1-7

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" (from the Week 1 Activity Pages on the Website) in your Bible at John 3:16. You will also need a CD player and this month's worship song, "He Does Good Things," which you will need to download from the Website. You will also need a Bible, 2 large yellow paper plates, 2 rulers or paint stirrers, a marker, and tape

(NOTE: Draw a sad face and a smiley face on the yellow paper plates. Use the emojis on your phone as a reference when drawing. Use the tape to secure the rulers/paint stirrers to the back of the plates.)

LEADER: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today! It's so much fun to sing with you. It is a very special day! It's Easter Day! That's when we celebrate that Jesus is alive. He is the best! **Who is the best?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is the best!"

LEADER: "Great job! Let's sing this month's song."

(Lead children in singing "He Does Good Things," this month's worship song.)

"Great singing, my friends. Remember, **Jesus is the best! Who is the best?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is the best!"

LEADER: "Exactly. **Jesus is the best!** It's time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "God (point up) loved (hug yourself) the world (raise your arms overhead to form a circle) so much (stretch your arms out as far as possible) that He gave (place your hands together with palms up in front of you as if you're offering something) His only (point up) Son (hold your arms as if you're cradling and rocking a baby), John 3:16." (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

LEADER: "You are all AMAZING at that verse! Great job! I am so excited to see so many friends here today because today I have the most amazing TRUE story to tell you from the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) In fact, today's true story is the greatest story ever! But I'll go ahead and warn you, there are happy parts (hold up the happy face emoji) and there are sad parts (hold up the sad face emoji). Are you ready to hear today's true Bible story? (Pause.) Okay!

"Our story begins with Jesus and His friends eating a special supper together. They were so happy to be together. (Hold up the happy face emoji.) Then Jesus stood up and said one day soon He was going away. This made His friends so sad. (Hold up



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the sad face emoji.) They were going to miss their friend, but Jesus promised that He was coming back.

"That night, Jesus and His friends went to a garden to pray. Suddenly some mean men came and took Jesus away. Oh, no! Where were they taking Him? Jesus' friends were scared and confused, but mostly sad. (*Hold up the sad face emoji.*) Those mean men took Jesus away and hurt Him so much that he died. (*Keep holding up the sad face emoji.*) Oh, no! That's really, really sad.

"Jesus' friends put his body in a tomb and closed it up with a big rock. That rock was VERY hard to move. It was so heavy that nobody could move it by themselves. But remember what Jesus said? He said He would go away. (*Hold up the sad face emoji.*) But then He would what? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus said He would come back; that's right! (*Hold up the happy face emoji.*) Three days went by. Can you count them with me?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Day one, day two, day three!"

LEADER: "Then Jesus' friend, Mary, went to the tomb. When she got there, she saw that the big rock was moved and that Jesus was gone! Oh, NO! (*Hold up the sad face emoji.*) Where did he go? Mary began to cry.

"But then an angel appeared and told her: 'Jesus is alive!' He came back just like He said He would. (*Hold up the happy emoji.*) Jesus kept His promise! So Mary ran to tell her friends that Jesus was alive! Can you believe it? Jesus is alive! He came back just like He said He would. He loves us SOOO much, and he wants to be our friend forever! Doesn't that make you SO happy? (*Hold up the happy face emoji.*) Let me see your happy faces!

"Beautiful! Jesus is God's Son and He is the best! Did you like the story? If you did, give it two thumbs up! (*Pause.*) Awesome. **Who is the best? Jesus is the best. Who is the best?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "**Jesus is the best!**"

LEADER: "**Jesus is the best** and that is certainly something to smile about! Let's pray!

"Jesus, You are the BEST! We know Your friends were so sad, but then You came back, and they were SO happy! You did something only YOU can do and it was amazing! We don't have to be sad because You did just what You said You would do. You are the best! We love You, Jesus. Amen."