

PARENT GUIDE

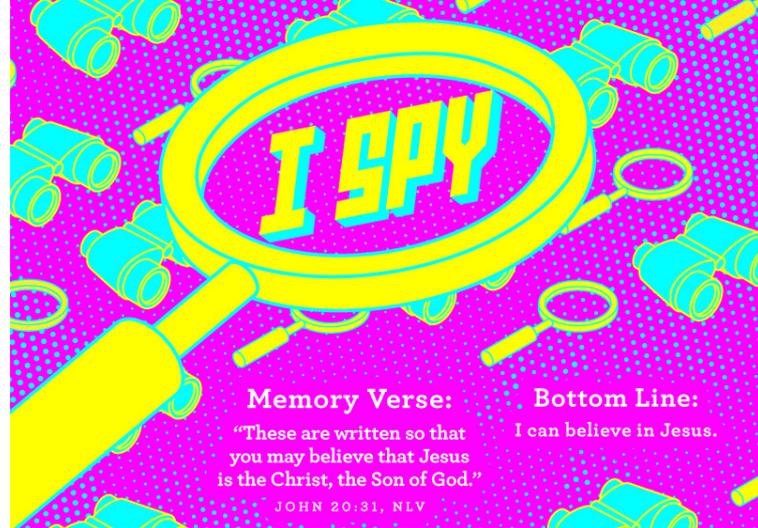
PRESCHOOL – JULY 5TH

MEMORY VERSE

“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” John 20:31, NLV

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

Who can believe in Jesus?
I can believe in Jesus.



LINK TO WORSHIP SONG AND BIBLE STORY VIDEO: [LINK](#)

FAMILY TIME – I SPY

Teach the children how to play “I Spy”. Call out the different items by color, shape, texture and allow them to guess the item.

ACTIVITY – YES & NO

WHAT YOU NEED: Nothing

Teach your children sign language for “yes” and “no.” For “no” in sign language, put your index finger and middle finger together then tap them against your thumb. Think of your fingers as an upper lip and your thumb as a bottom lip, and you’re closing the mouth. For “yes,” think of your fist as your head. Raise and lower your fist, bending at the wrist, to nod “yes.” Practice several times with the children.

Ask your children the following questions and have them answer “yes” or “no” in sign language.

Does Jesus love us when we disobey? (Yes)

Will Jesus ever stop loving us? (No)

Can you believe in Jesus? (Yes)

Ask other questions to make it fun.

PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He loves us, no matter what. I pray we will have courage, like Peter, to tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus had a good friend named Peter. Jesus and Peter spent a lot of time together, and Jesus taught Peter about God’s love. Jesus also let Peter help Him do important jobs, like one time they fed THOUSANDS of people with just one boy’s lunch. Can you imagine how amazing that was to help Jesus feed all of those people with just one lunch? Wow! Jesus and Peter would even go fishing together. Jesus and Peter were great friends. Then, one night some angry soldiers took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus and said mean things to Him. This scared Jesus’ friends, so they ran away! But Peter wanted to see what would happen, so he followed Jesus and the angry soldiers. While Peter waited to see what would happen, a girl asked him if he was Jesus’ friend. Peter was so scared that he said, ‘No!’ Peter said he was not Jesus’ friend. That’s very sad. Can you make a sad face like this? (Make a sad face.)

“A little while later, another person asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend. And guess what Peter said this time? He said, ‘No!’ That’s two times Peter said that he was not Jesus’s friend. That’s very, very sad. Can you make another sad face like this? (Make a sad face.)

“Then, another person asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend, and guess what he said this time? He said, ‘No,’ again! That’s three times Peter said that he was not Jesus’ friend. That’s very, very, VERY sad. Can you make another sad face? (Make a sad face.)

“After the third time, Peter looked over and saw Jesus looking at him. Peter knew saying that he was not Jesus’ friend was wrong. He felt so bad that he went away and cried. But wait! That’s not the end of the story. Later, after Jesus died and came back, Jesus went to Peter and talked to him. Jesus still loved Peter, no matter what, even though Peter said he was not Jesus’ friend. Jesus wanted Peter to know that He would be his friend forever, no matter what.

“Knowing that Jesus still loved Peter and that they were still good friends made Peter so happy! Show me your happy faces like this! (Make a very happy face.) From that day on, Peter told everyone, everywhere that Jesus is God’s Son. Peter told everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, that He loves them, and that He wants to be their friend forever. So many people believed in Jesus because of Peter! And guess what? You can believe in Jesus, too. It’s true! Because Jesus loves EVERYONE! So, tell me, who can believe in Jesus?”