

Small Talk

March 2010

Key Question:

Who Does Jesus Love?

Basic Truth:

Jesus Wants To Be
My Friend Forever

Bottom Line:

Jesus loves everyone.

Memory Verse:
"Love each other as I have
loved you."
John 15:12 (NIV)



BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

Week 1

John 4:1-26

Jesus talks to a woman at the well and tells her about God. Nobody in her village likes her, but Jesus loves her.

Week 2

Luke 19:1-8

Zacchaeus is a tax collector and has stolen money from people in his town. Nobody liked him. However, Jesus wants to go to his house for dinner. Jesus loves him even though he did something wrong.

Week 3

Matthew 4:18-22; 28:16-20 and John 1:35-45

Jesus wants to be EVERYONE'S friend. The Bible tells us that Jesus had some special friends called Disciples. They followed Jesus and became fishers of men.

Week 4

Matthew 21:1-16

Many people praised Jesus chanting "Hosanna" as He rode toward Jerusalem on a donkey. The people spread their cloaks and branches on the road before Him. This is the beginning of the Easter story.



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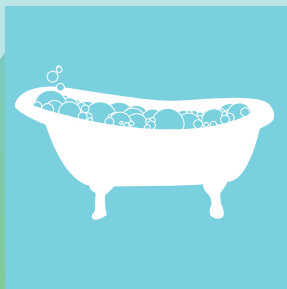
Play Time

Pretend you and your child are Zacchaeus and you are climbing a tree to see Jesus. Climb up in a play set or to the top of a slide and take a look around. Talk about how Jesus loves everyone; even people who do wrong things like Zacchaeus. Jesus wants us to love everyone too, so they will know God loves them.



Car Time

Download this month's song, "We Can Praise Jesus," and the March Bible stories from www.amberskyrecords.com. Play the song several times, singing along with your preschooler. Listen to the story for each week and talk about how Jesus wants us to love everyone the way He does. Play a game while you ride down the road. When you see a person through the window say, "Jesus loves everyone!"



Bath Time

Jesus loved the woman at the well when no one else did. She came to the well for water and left with Jesus as her friend. Add two plastic cups to your tub time. Pretend to scoop water from a deep, deep well with your cups. Talk about how Jesus was a good friend to the woman at the well. As the water pours out say, "Jesus loves everyone!"



Cuddle Time

Cuddle up with your child and pray with her. "God, thank you for loving (child's name) and me all of the time. Thank you for loving everyone! Help (child's name) and me to love everyone the way you love us. We love you, God. Amen."

Imagine the End:

Parents, Imagine if your child lived each day truly believing that Jesus loves her, no matter what. Now imagine your child becoming a person who chooses to show that kind of love, to all people, no matter what. Jesus loves everyone and so can your child.

Make it Personal:

The best way to teach your child to love everyone the way Jesus does is to model it for her. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Choose a few people to start with and be intentional about sharing God's love with them. Pray that God will help you to love them like Jesus.



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