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Bible Story Focus: I spy someone I can tell about Jesus.

Peter and Cornelius • Acts 10

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:** Who can believe in Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can believe in Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Preschool Family Discussion

Ways to Say, "Jesus Loves You!" Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Teach the children how to say, "Jesus loves you" in several different languages as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today, I want to teach you how to say, 'Jesus loves me' in different languages!

"First, let's learn it in sign language. This is the language you use to speak to people who can't hear. So, we use our hands. Watch this. (Demonstrate.)

"Jesus (Press the middle finger of your right hand to your left palm, then press your left middle finger to your right palm.)

"Loves (Cross arms over chest.)

"You. (Point to others.)

"In Spanish and Portuguese, Jesus loves you is Jesús te ama.

"In Chinese, Jesus loves you is Yēsū ài nǐ. (Pronounced 'yea soo eye knee'.)

"In French, Jesus loves you is Jésus t'aime."

"In Swahili, Jesus loves you is Yesu anakupenda.

"In German, Jesus loves you is Jesus liebt dich.

"And in English, we say, 'Jesus loves you!"

After the Activity: "Great job, friends! Everyone all over the world needs to hear the GOOD news: Jesus loves you! We can tell everyone around us that good news so they can believe in Jesus, too. Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus."

"Our Bible story, today, was about a man named Peter. Peter learned that Jesus loves everyone, and He wants to be everyone's friend forever. It doesn't matter where people live, what they look like, what language they speak, or what their favorite food is; Jesus loves everyone and wants to be their friend! We can read Peter's story right here in the Bible. (Hold up Bible.)

"Peter's story helps us know that we can believe in Jesus, too, because Jesus loves everyone and wants to be everyone's friend. So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**"

CHILDREN and Adult: [Bottom Line] "I can believe in Jesus!"

Adult: "You sure can! And the Bible verse we have been learning even says that the stories in the Bible are written so that we can believe in Jesus.

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

CHILDREN and Adult: "These are written (open your hands like a book) so that you (point out) may believe (point to head) that Jesus is the Christ, (point up) the Son of God. (Rock baby.) John 20:31." (Open your hands like a book.)

Adlurt: "You sound ready to me! Let's sit down. When it's your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it."

SGL: "I am so proud of you, (child's name)! Here is your sticker! (Repeat with each child as they try the Bible verse.)

"Peter learned that he should tell everyone about Jesus, because Jesus wants everyone to believe in Him and be His friend forever. I think we should make a list of people we can tell about Jesus. It can be anyone, because Jesus wants us to tell everyone that they can believe in Him. When I say your name, tell me one person you can tell about Jesus. (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"We have another special list of people today. Let's use our list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.

Prayer

SGL: "Dear God, we want everyone to believe in Jesus. We want everyone to know that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Help us to tell *(read the list the children made)* that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."