



**Parent
Cue**

**SMALL
TALK**

MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other as I have
loved you."
John 15:12, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus Wants to be My
Friend Forever

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

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WEEK 1 | JOHN 4:1-26

Jesus talked with a woman at a well and told her all about God. Jesus wanted to be her friend even though she had done bad things.

WEEK 3 | LUKE 10:25-37

Jesus shares the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us that we should help others and show love to everyone.

WEEK 2 | LUKE 19:1-8

Zacchaeus was a tax collector, and the people did not like him. When Jesus came to town, Zachaeus climbed a tree so he could see Him. Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree, and they had dinner together. .

**WEEK 4 | MATTHEW 4:18-22,
28:16-20; JOHN 1:35-45**

Jesus picked some special friends to help Him spread the good news that He loves everyone.



**first look
HOME**



PLAY TIME: Plan a special play date with a couple of your child's friends. Talk with your child before the play date about how Jesus loves all her friends and He wants her to love them too. Brainstorm ways she can show

love to her friends before they arrive. Some ideas? Set out a special snack. Give them a hug when they walk in. Allow them to play with a favorite toy. Make a special gift to give them. Once you have a plan, put it into action and help your child make it happen. Talk with your child about all the ways she showed love after her friends leave. Pray together and thank God for helping you love everyone.



CAR TIME: As you drive down the road, call out the people you see and ask your child if Jesus loves them. Some examples would be, "Does Jesus love the man in the red

car? Does Jesus love the woman in the blue dress? Does Jesus love the little girl who's crying? Does Jesus love the man who bagged our groceries?" Prompt your child each time to say, "Yes! Jesus loves everyone!"



BATH TIME: As you bathe your child, look her in the eyes and tell her that Jesus loves her SOOOOOOOO much. And guess what! Jesus loves all of our family and friends too! Help your child think of as

many friends and family by name as possible while you bathe her. Say, "Jesus loves (name of person)" each time you name a person. End with reminding your child that Jesus loves a lot of people, because Jesus loves everyone!



PARENT TIME:

Jesus loves everyone. That's what your children are learning this month. Jesus loves them. Jesus loves you. Jesus loves everyone.

This is an important truth that your children need to not only hear at church, they need to hear it at home too. They need to hear that Jesus loves them. They need to hear that you love them. And even more than hearing that you love them, they need to feel that you love them. How do your children feel loved? Do they feel loved when you cuddle with them before bed? Do they feel loved when you come home from work and play blocks with them on the floor? Do they feel loved when you read them that special story using the funny voices?

Are these loving activities part of the rhythm of your day? They can be. We only have so many weeks with our children before they leave us to become adults. Even newborn parents **have** less than 1,000. By incorporating sharing your love and Jesus' love with your children every day, you will be making the most of the weeks you have left.

Be sure to check out Parent Link Live at www.OrangeParents.org to hear more from Carey Nieuwhof about making the most of each week.



CUDDLE TIME: Cuddle up with your child and pray with her. "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves me and daddy and brother and

We're so glad Jesus loves everyone! Help us to love everyone just like Jesus does. Amen."

