



Parent Cue

PARENT TIME

(Especially for baby
& toddler parents)

As you hold your bundle of joy, it is hard to imagine him walking and talking and eventually walking away from you. Babies and toddlers are so dependent on your care that it is almost impossible to imagine a time when they won't be with you.



That time is coming and faster than you think. There will be a time when they walk into elementary school and then high school and maybe college—a time when they won't depend on you to make decisions. They will be making them on their own.



Because you won't always be there, you need to begin now to teach them about the One who will always be there. Jesus will be there, and Jesus can do anything. Introduce your child to Jesus now so he can depend on Him later. We're not just raising children. We're raising adults.



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**SMALL
TALK**
MEMORY VERSE

"With God, all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus Wants to be My Friend Forever

KEY QUESTION

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BOTTOM LINE

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**JANUARY
2012**
WEEK 1 | JOHN 2:1-11

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WEEK 2 | LUKE 5:1-11

Jesus was in a boat with His disciples. His disciples had been fishing all night and hadn't caught a single fish. Jesus asked them to put their nets in the water to try again. When they did, their nets overflowed with fish!

WEEK 3 | MARK 6:30-44

After speaking to a crowd of 5,000 people, Jesus realized that all of the people were getting hungry. Jesus told the disciples to ask the crowd if anyone had food to share. A boy gave his lunch, two

fish and five loaves of bread, and Jesus multiplied it to feed all of the people. Everyone ate until they were full, and there was even food left over!

WEEK 4 | MARK 6:45-51

Jesus' disciples were on a boat in the middle of the lake. Jesus walked on the water to get to them. He climbed into the boat, and the wind died down.

WEEK 5 | MATTHEW 8:23-27

Jesus and His disciples were in a boat. A big storm came upon them, and all of the disciples were so afraid! They woke Jesus up to tell Him how frightened they were. Jesus then used His great power to calm the storm.



PLAY TIME: Take some time one afternoon this week to make homemade lemonade with your child. As you are both preparing the lemonade for the party, talk about all of the ingredients that have to

go into the water to make it into lemonade. Remind your child about how Jesus was at a party once, and He changed the water into super fancy drink without using anything at all. Jesus used His amazing power to transform the water! He could do that because Jesus can do anything!



CAR TIME: Play "Who's More Powerful?" with your child. Point out different things that your child can see out of his car window and ask, Who's More Powerful than—the sun? That big

truck? That tall building? Continue with the game as you see things on the road that you can insert into the question. The answer is always JESUS! . Remind them that nothing is more powerful than Jesus.



BATH TIME: Add a few special items to bath time: an aquarium net, a strainer, or a cup, and some small tub toys (preferably fish). Tell your child that he is going to go fishing in the bathtub! Give him the

net/strainer/cup first. Don't put any of the other toys in the tub just yet. Tell your child that there doesn't seem to be any fish to catch! Remind him of the story about the disciples who fished all night long and didn't catch a single fish. But then, when Jesus told them to put their nets in the water, something amazing happened! Now, put all of the toys in the water. Help your child catch all of the fish in the net/strainer/cup. Talk about how Jesus helped the disciples catch all of those fish because Jesus can do anything!


PARENT TIME:

Jesus can do anything. That is what we are teaching our preschoolers this month. Jesus walked on water. He calmed the storm. He did many AMAZING things.

Why did He do these things? Because He cares. Jesus wants to be our friend FOREVER. He won't ever leave us. Ever. He will be with your child as he grows into a "big" kid and then a teenager and then an adult. He will be there, ALWAYS.

Now is the time to plant the seed that Jesus can do anything. Now is the time to teach our little ones that Jesus is with them, helping them, guiding them. Then, when they are big and grown, they will know that Jesus can do anything, and they will depend on it.

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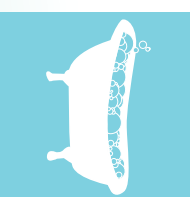
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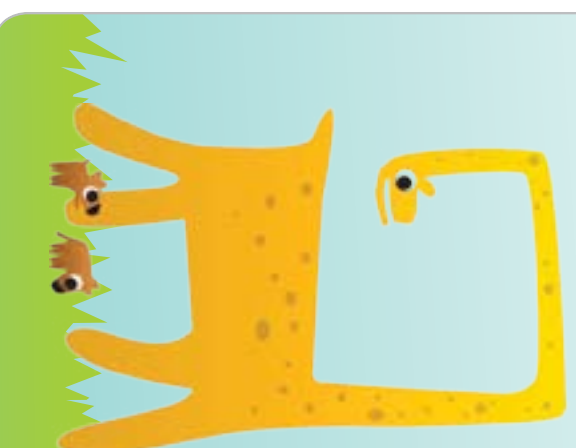
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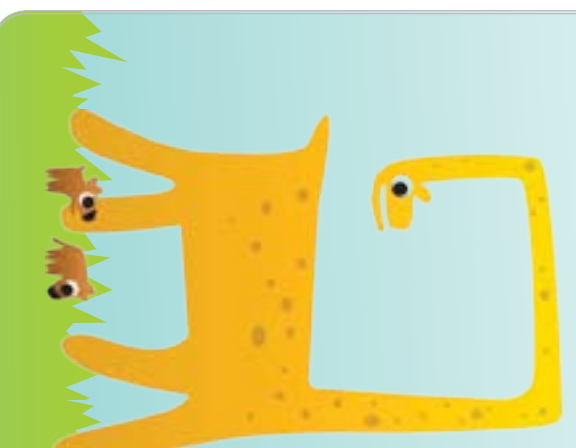
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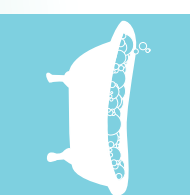
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Bath time is the perfect time to review the story of Jesus walking on water. While your child is in the bathtub, tell him that you will hold him up because you want to see if he can keep his feet on top of the water without sinking. You can hold him under his arms for support as he attempts to keep his feet on top of the water. Only one person has ever been able to keep his feet on top of the water. Jesus! He didn't just hold his feet on top of the water—He was able to walk across it! Jesus can do anything!



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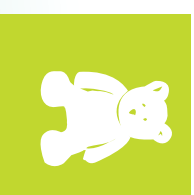


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