

## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about the promise God's angel gave to Mary.

### God's Promise

**Q: Who gave a special promise to Mary?**

**A:** The angel Gabriel

**Q: What did the angel promise Mary?**

**A:** She would have a baby boy.

**Q: What did the angel tell Mary to name the baby?**

**A:** Jesus

Let your child dress up as an angel and retell the special promise Gabriel gave to Mary. You can read this exciting part of the Christmas story in Luke 1:26-38.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Countdown to Christmas** by Mary Manz Simon
- **Christmas Angel** by Hans Wilhelm

**Bible Passage:** Call his name Jesus (Matthew 1:21)

**Bible Words:** God came to us.

**Scripture Text:** Luke 1:26-38

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus can heal our friends.

### Talk Time

Read Mark 2:1-12 to learn how friends helped their hurting friend reach Jesus.

**Q: What did the man's four friends do for their sick friend?**

**A:** Carried him to Jesus for healing

**Q: What two things did Jesus do for the man?**

**A:** Forgave his sins and healed him

### Together Time

Do you know a fireman or EMT? Talk about how these people help others who are hurting. Talk about how we can take our hurts to Jesus and He can heal.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 1 Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God cares about our friends and us.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house" (Mark 2:11).

### Family Activity

How can we bless the Lord with all that is within us?

One of the ways David blessed the Lord was by writing songs. Many songs we sing today use lyrics from the Book of Psalms. As a family choose a psalm and put music to it. Sing your family psalm whenever you get together for your devotionals.



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Today I heard about the angel in Joseph's dream.

### His Name Is Jesus

**Q: Who did Joseph dream about?**

**A:** An angel

**Q: What did the angel tell Joseph to name the baby?**

**A:** "Call his name Jesus."

You can read this exciting part of the Christmas story in Matthew 1:18-25.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **Joseph's Christmas Story** (Arch Book) by Nicole E. Dreyer
- **Fear Not, Joseph! Obeying Your Parents** by Julie Stiegemeier and Cheri Bladholm
- **God Gave us Christmas** by Lisa Tawn Bergren

**Bible Passage:** "Call his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:21).

**Bible Words:** God came to us.

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 1:18-25

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

We can believe Jesus heals.

### Talk Time

Read Mark 5:22-24, 35-43 to learn about a dad who was desperate for a miracle from Jesus. Ask your child these questions to hear how Jesus gave Jairus his miracle.

**Q: What was the people's reaction when they saw the miracle of Jesus healing Jairus's daughter?**

**A:** They were astonished.

**Q: Why did Jairus go to Jesus?**

**A:** He believed Jesus could heal his daughter.

### Together Time

What things in your home or life reflect miracles? Walk through your house and talk about miracles that happened in different areas of your home and life. Remember, Jesus is our miracle-maker.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 1 Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God wants to heal us.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36).

### Family Activity

Miracles are still for us today! Take time to discuss miracles you have seen in your life with your child. Sharing the goodness of God with our children will give them faith to believe when they need a miracle. Practice the unit Bible passage: Psalm 103:1-3.



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Today I heard about baby Jesus being born in a stable.

### Jesus Is Born

**Q: When they arrived in Bethlehem, where did Mary and Joseph sleep?**

**A:** In the stable with the animals

**Q: What did they name their baby boy?**

**A:** "Call his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:21).

Show your child your family's nativity set. If you have a play set for him, play with him. If you do not have a play set, carefully show him each piece and let him identify Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus. You can read this exciting part of the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-7.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Story of Christmas** by Vivian French and Jane Chapman
- **Christmas in the Manger** by Nola Buck

**Bible Passage:** "Call his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:21).

**Bible Words:** God came to us.

**Scripture Text:** Luke 2:1-7

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus is born!

### Talk Time

As you celebrate Christmas this week, remember to read the miracle story of Jesus' birth found in Luke 2:1-20.

**Q: What did the angel tell Mary and Joseph that Jesus would do?**

**A:** He would save us from our sins.

**Q: What did angels tell shepherds out in the field?**

**A:** A Savior was born in Bethlehem; go find Him in a stable.

### Together Time

Re-enact the Christmas story. Give everyone a role to play and have each one tell his part of the story in his own words. At the end, take time to sing a thanksgiving song to Jesus.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 1 Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God loves us so much He came to save us.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

### Family Activity

Go on a Christmas scavenger hunt! Look for the following items as you drive around: penguin, candy cane, snowman, nativity scene, angel, star, gift, snow globe, train, soldier, candle, icicle lights, dancing lights, cartoon character, wreath, gift, and the words NOEL and JOY. How many did you find?

Lesson 3



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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard what the angels told the shepherds about baby Jesus.

### Shepherds See Jesus

**Q: Who did the shepherds find when they went to Bethlehem?**

**A:** Jesus

**Q: What did the shepherds tell about Jesus?**

**A:** Jesus was born.

Hide sheep (cotton balls) around the room. Dress your child like a shepherd (towel over his head, held in place with a headband) and let him find the sheep. After he has found the sheep, let him find his way to the manger (nativity scene) to see baby Jesus. You can read this exciting part of the Christmas story in Luke 2:8-18.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **The Shepherd Boy's Story Board Book** by Gaby Goldsack and Jerry Smith
- **Little Shepherd's Christmas** by Carol Heyer

**Bible Passage:** "Call his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:21).

**Bible Words:** God came to us.

**Scripture Text:** Luke 2:8-18

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Remember to thank Jesus.

### Talk Time

Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one thanked Him. You can read this in Luke 17:11-19.

**Q: What disease did the ten men who cried out to Jesus have?**

**A:** They had leprosy.

**Q: What was different about one of the men?**

**A:** He was the only one who returned to thank Jesus.

### Together Time

Keep a supply of smiley face stickers handy. Each time a person says thank you, award that person with a smiley face. How many smiley faces can each person accumulate in one day (or week)?

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 1 Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God is merciful.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole" (Luke 17:19).

### Family Activity

Thankfulness cannot be overrated. The one leper who returned to thank Jesus was blessed with an extra blessing the other nine did not receive. Have a thankful Christmas season and read about the reason for the season: Jesus' birth. Have family members take turns reading from the Bible: Luke 1:1-20.

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Today I heard about the star the wise men followed.

### God Sends the Wise Men

**Q: What were the wise men following?**

**A:** A star

**Q: When the wise men found Jesus, what did they do?**

**A:** Bowed down and worshiped Him, gave Him gifts

Today your child learned about special visitors that came to see the baby Jesus. They were wise men from the East who came to worship Him. They called Him their king and blessed him with many gifts.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Follow That Star (The Wise Men)** by Mary Manz Simon and Dennis Jones
- **The Visit of the Wise Men** by Martha Jander

**Bible Passage:** "Call his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:21).

**Bible Words:** God came to us.

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 2:1-11

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus responds to our faith.

### Talk Time

Mark 10:46-52 and Luke 18:35-43 tell the events of a blind man named Bartimaeus who cried out with a loud voice to get Jesus' attention. He was desperate for healing. Jesus responds to our faith. Ask your child these questions.

**Q: Why did Bartimaeus think Jesus could heal him?**

**A:** He had heard about Jesus and had faith.

**Q: How did Jesus respond to Bartimaeus?**

**A:** He told the people to bring Bartimaeus to Him, and He healed him.

### Together Time

Discuss what it must be like to be blind. Think about how difficult it would be to maneuver around furniture, find food on your plate, do homework, read a book, or play with toys. Take time to pray for those who are challenged by blindness; pray with great faith.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 1 Bible Verse:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God values our faith and trust in Him.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole" (Luke 17:19).

### Family Activity

Ask your child what made Bartimaeus different from other blind men who did not receive their healing. How did Jesus respond to Bartimaeus? Discuss with your child how much God loves our faith in Him. Choose something this week for which your child could have faith in Jesus. Pray with your child and support your child's young faith.

Lesson 5



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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about the promise God's angel gave to Zacharias about baby John.

### God Gives Zacharias a Promise

**Q: Who met Zacharias at the altar?**

**A:** An angel

**Q: What did the angel promise them?**

**A:** Zacharias and Elisabeth would have a baby boy.

**Q: What did the angel tell them to name their baby?**

**A:** John

You can read the story of the angel's promise to Zacharias in Luke 1:5-25.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **John the Baptist** (Arch book) by Ronald Klus
- **Send a Baby (The Birth of John the Baptist)** by Mary Manz Simon
- **The Lord Calls Samuel** (Arch book) by Jane L. Fryar

**Bible Passage:** "Hear the word of God" (Luke 11:28).

**Bible Words:** We listen to God.

**Scripture Text:** Luke 1:5-25

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

We can trust Jesus.

### Talk Time

Jesus' mother brought a need to His attention and set in motion His first miracle—turning the water into wine. You can read it in John 2:1-11.

**Q: What was the problem Mary shared with Jesus?**

**A:** The wedding people had run out of wine for their guests.

**Q: What happened when the servants trusted and obeyed Jesus' instructions?**

**A:** The water was turned into the best wine anyone had ever tasted.

### Together Time

Choose a fun item to hide. One person hides it and then gives instructions as others search the house. The person who finds the object hides it next. Following instructions brings good results.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 2 Bible Verse:** Matthew 6:32

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God responds when we trust and obey Him.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

### Family Activity

Use prayer time to discuss how our heavenly Father meets our needs. Read Luke 11:11-13. Ask your child for examples of wants versus needs. Ask for examples of things that earthly fathers may deny a child for the child's good. Discuss how God loves us so much that He sometimes answers our prayers with a "no" because He knows what is best for us.

Take prayer requests and pray together.

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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about baby John.

### God Names John

**Q: What was wrong with Zacharias's voice?**

**A:** He couldn't talk.

**Q: What happened to his voice when he did what God's angel said?**

**A:** He could talk again.

When Zacharias doubted the angel, he lost his voice. When he obeyed what God's angel had instructed and named his baby John, he got his voice back. You can read about the birth of John the Baptist in Luke 1:57-66.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **John the Baptist** (Arch book) by Ronald Klus
- **The Lord Calls Samuel** (Arch book) by Jane L. Fryar

**Bible Passage:** "Hear the word of God" (Luke 11:28).

**Bible Words:** *We listen to God.*

**Scripture Text:** Luke 1:57-66

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus cares for us.

### Talk Time

All four Gospel writers told the story of the feeding of the 5,000, although only John mentioned a lad's lunch was used. Read it yourself in Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; and John 6:1-13. Ask these questions.

**Q: Why were the people on the hillside hungry?**

**A:** They had been sitting all day listening to Jesus teach.

**Q: What happened after Jesus blessed the food?**

**A:** The disciples passed it out and had enough to feed everyone with twelve baskets left over.

### Together Time

Enjoy a lunch together. Would two fish sticks and five small loaves of bread (rolls) be enough to feed your family? Would you have enough to serve company? Be sure to thank God for providing food for your entire family.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 2 Bible Verse:** *Matthew 6:32*

**Special Memory Passage:** *Matthew 7:7*

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God is full of compassion.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude" (Luke 9:16).

### Family Activity

Jesus turned a little lunch into a meal for over 5,000 people! This science experiment turns a little bar of soap into a huge pile of soap. Place a new, unwrapped bar of Ivory soap in the center of a microwavable plate. Place the plate in the center of the microwave. Set the timer for 60-80 seconds. Watch the soap expand! After the soap cools, break off pieces of soap as Jesus broke off pieces of bread. Too bad they didn't have your super soap to wash up after their super miracle!

Lesson 7



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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about how John preached "Repent!"

### God's Messenger

**Q: What did John tell the people?**

**A:** Repent.

**Q: What did the people do?**

**A:** They said, "I'm sorry!"

As parents, you teach your child to repent when behavior is unacceptable. At first, this is not agreeable to a child, but over time she will learn the good feelings that come with repenting.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **John the Baptist** (Arch book) by Ronald Klus
- **John the Baptist** by Gordon Stowell

**Bible Passage:** "Hear the word of God" (Luke 11:28).

**Bible Words:** *We listen to God.*

**Scripture Text:** *Luke 3:1-14*

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus gives us what we need.

### Talk Time

Imagine a seasoned fisherman going fishing and the very first fish he catches just happens to have a coin in its mouth (have never seen that before), a coin that just happens to be the exact amount needed to pay taxes (really?!). Read it yourself in Matthew 17:24-27.

**Q: What did Peter need?**

**A:** Money to pay taxes

**Q: Who did Jesus say didn't need to pay taxes?**

**A:** The king's family, meaning as King of kings and Lord of the Temple, Jesus was actually exempt from paying that tax.

### Together Time

Select several objects that represent our needs (two socks, two apples, two \$1 bills). Hide one of each item in the room. Play an activity game of "Go Fish." Hand the object to your child, telling him to "Go Fish" for the matching object. When your child finds it, remind him that Jesus supplies all our needs.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 2 Bible Verse:** *Matthew 6:32*

**Special Memory Passage:** *Matthew 7:7*

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God cares about our needs and provides for us.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"Go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money" (Matthew 17:27).

### Family Activity

Cook a meal together. Find something for everyone to do (planning the menu, baking cookies, setting the table). During the meal, discuss how even though one adult could have done it all, everyone worked together. That is just like Jesus, our heavenly Father, including us in His work. We may all be doing something different, but the end result is something we can all enjoy together!

Lesson 8



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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about when John baptized Jesus.

### Jesus Is Baptized

**Q: What did John preach?**

A: Repent.

**Q: Whom did John say was coming?**

A: The King

**Q: What did Jesus ask John to do?**

A: Baptize Him

Toddlers enjoy watching people get baptized. You can read about John baptizing Jesus in Matthew 3:13-17.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **John the Baptist** (Arch book) by Ronald Klus
- **Larry Learns to Listen: a Veggie Tales Board Book** by Karen Poth

**Bible Passage:** "Hear the word of God" (Luke 11:28).

**Bible Words:** *We listen to God.*

**Scripture Text:** *Matthew 3:13-17*

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus sometimes gives us more than we need.

### Talk Time

After unsuccessfully fishing all night, Peter and the tired fishermen obeyed Jesus and cast their nets again. Read about this miracle in Luke 5:1-11. This miracle changed the lives of these fishermen as they immediately left all they had and followed Jesus.

**Q: How did Peter react to Jesus?**

A: He told Jesus they had fished all night without catching anything, but he obeyed Jesus anyway.

**Q: What was the miracle Jesus gave Peter?**

A: Their net filled up with so many fish that both boats began to sink.

### Together Time

Walk through the house and discover things that you have an abundance of—or at least, more than you probably need. Are five pairs of shoes necessary, or would two meet your needs? Do you really need six Barbie dolls or twelve sets of Legos? Talk about how God has blessed you with more than you need.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 2 Bible Verse:** *Matthew 6:32*

**Special Memory Passage:** *Matthew 7:7*

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God wants to bless us abundantly.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

### Family Activity

Help your child find Psalm 68:19 in the Bible and read it together. Brainstorm to make a list of the benefits of living for God. Write them on a piece of paper and hang it in a high traffic area. Jesus provides for our every need and often blesses us with more than we need.

Lesson 9



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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about the fishermen who followed Jesus.

### Jesus Calls Fishermen

**Q: What were the fishermen's names?**

A: Peter, Andrew, James, and John

**Q: What did Jesus tell them to do?**

A: "Follow Me."

**Q: What did they do with their nets after Jesus said, "Follow Me"?**

A: They put them down.

Your child participated in two favorite activities today: fishing and following. You can read about when Jesus called four fishermen to follow Him in Matthew 4:18-22.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Fish Eyes: a Book You Can Count On** by Lois Ehlert
- **The Twelve Ordinary Men** (Arch Book) by Kelly Skipworth

**Bible Passage:** "Jesus said unto him, "Follow me" (Matthew 8:22).

**Bible Words:** *I will follow Jesus.*

**Scripture Text:** *Matthew 4:18-22*

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus is in control.

### Talk Time

When Jesus ordered the end of the storm, His disciples were amazed that even nature had to obey Him. You can read it in Matthew 8:24-27, Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:23-25.

**Q: When the disciples woke Jesus, what did He do?**

A: He told the storm to be still.

**Q: Why were the disciples amazed?**

A: Because even the winds and the sea obey Jesus.

### Together Time

Does your family have plans for what to do during storms? Children—and adults—need assurance that everything will be all right. A plan of action is quite reassuring. Be sure your plan includes prayer and faith that Jesus is in control.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 3 Bible Verse:** *Matthew 8:27*

**Special Memory Passage:** *Matthew 7:7*

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God has all power.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matthew 8:27).

### Family Activity

"Peace, be still." The words no sooner hit the atmosphere, than the elements stilled and peace came to the sea. Discuss the biblical events taught in today's lesson with your child. Share a time when Jesus spoke peace into the stormy sea of your life. Testify to your child and watch your child's faith in Jesus grow.

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## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about Jesus calling Matthew.

### Jesus Changes Matthew

**Q: What did Matthew collect?**

**A:** Taxes

**Q: What did Jesus want Matthew to do?**

**A:** Follow

**Q: What did Matthew decide to do?**

**A:** He Followed.

Provide play money for your child and retell the story of Matthew the tax collector who decided to follow Jesus.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Number Parade** by Jakki Wood
- **Listening Time** by Elizabeth Verdick

**Bible Passage:** "Jesus said unto him, Follow me" (Matthew 8:22).

**Bible Words:** I will follow Jesus.

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 9:9; 10:3

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus can do anything.

### Talk Time

Jesus can do anything—even walk on water! You can read about this event in Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, and John 6:16-21. Ask your child these questions as she shows you the art she drew on page 1 of the activity paper.

**Q: How did Peter react when he realized the "ghost" was Jesus?**

**A:** He wanted to walk on water with Jesus.

**Q: Why did Peter start to sink?**

**A:** He stopped looking at Jesus and looked down at the waves.

### Together Time

What are some challenges your family members face? Does your child think he is too little to set the table? Show him how to do it; then let him do it by himself. Teach that with God, we can do all things.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 3 Bible Verse:** Matthew 8:27

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God reveals Himself in difficult situations.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

### Family Activity

In our lesson today, Peter took a leap of faith and then a dive into fear. Often in risky situations—a big move, a change of schools, or other big life changes—we feel excited, and we take the leap. Then when the reality of what we have done hits us, we fall into fear. Jesus was there to catch Peter, and He will also be there to catch your child. Pray with your child and remind your child that in every situation Jesus is right there.



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Lesson 11



## Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I heard about Philip telling his friend, Nathanael, about Jesus.

### Tell a Friend about Jesus

**Q: What were Philip and Nathanael?**

**A:** Friends

**Q: Who did Philip meet?**

**A:** Jesus

**Q: What did Philip tell Nathanael?**

**A:** Come meet Jesus.

Philip and Nathanael were good friends. Philip told Nathanael about Jesus, and together they followed Jesus with the other disciples. You can read this in John 1:43-51.

Here are some lesson-related book suggestions.

- **Friends** by Kim Lewis
- **Friends** by Helme Hein

**Bible Passage:** "Jesus said unto him, "Follow me" (Matthew 8:22).

**Bible Words:** I will follow Jesus.

**Scripture Text:** John 1:43-51

## Kindergarten & Beginner Home Connection - Pre-K - Grade 2

Jesus can make us live again.

### Talk Time

We don't know the end result of catastrophic events, but Jesus does. You can read the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in John 11:1-44.

**Q: What was wrong with Lazarus?**

**A:** He was sick.

**Q: What happened when Jesus called out an order to Lazarus in the grave?**

**A:** Lazarus came out!

### Together Time

Death is never a comfortable topic of discussion. However, Jesus gave us a promise that if we believe in Him, we can live again after we die! The story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead begins sad but ends with rejoicing.

### Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

**Unit 3 Bible Verse:** Matthew 8:27

**Special Memory Passage:** Matthew 7:7

## Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

### Truth about God

God understands our humanity.

### Bible Lesson Verse

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

### Family Activity

In today's lesson, Mary and Martha expected healing, but God had bigger plans. Mary and Martha learned that Jesus may not come right when He's called. In fact, He may not show up until it seems like all hope is lost. But if we trust Him for great things, we find that God's timing is always right. Discuss your child's expectations about God. Do you trust Him for great things?



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