

# SERIES OVERVIEW

However, soon after she was made queen, Esther was faced with a very hard choice: save her people and risk her own life or try to save her own life, knowing that her people would be killed. Esther chose to trust that if she did what was right and thought of others before even her own life, God would make a way for her and her people to be saved.

**Bible Lesson:** Esther 4:1-5:3

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember God will always make a way.

**5. Mr. Potato Head** – Imagine getting a Mr. Potato Head toy, but the only thing he came with was a bunch of feet! You could stick feet where his eyes are supposed to go or where his ears are supposed to go, but that would just get boring after a while. Mr. Potato Head is fun, because he has lots of different options for his eyes, ears, mouth and head. Paul teaches us that everyone in the church is a part of the Body of Christ. Just like our body has a lot of different parts that all work together, the church does too. People are all different, but God wants to use everyone's unique gifts and abilities.

**Bible Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-19

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember God made me and has given me a part to play.

**6. T-Rex** – Dinosaur toys remind us of big, strong reptiles. The T-Rex is often thought of as one of the strongest dinosaurs there was. Samson was one of the strongest men in the Bible. He could have stayed that way, if he had obeyed God's commands for him. But when Samson was tempted to hang out with people who didn't want him to obey God, he gave in to temptation instead of running away and it cost him his strength.

**Bible Lesson:** Judges 16:15-22 Samson is captured by the Philistines

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember that temptation means I should turn away.

**7. Piggy Bank** – Whether you have an actual piggy bank, or not, we can all be reminded to be generous with our money. The Bible tells us that the early church was willing to share what they had - money and things - with others who needed it.

**Bible Lesson:** Acts 4:32 The believers share what they own

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember to be generous with money.

**8. Remote control car** – Remote control cars are fun to play with and race around, but what happens after you keep them going at full speed for a long time? They start to slow down. That battery starts to slow down and they need to recharge. God knew that we as people need to recharge too. That's why God said that the Sabbath day was to be a special day of rest. God said if he could create the world in 6 days, we should be able to do all of our work in 6 days. He wants us to use that 7th day as a day to recharge, and refocus on God and all he has done for us.

**Bible Lesson:** Genesis 2:2-3 and Exodus 20:8-11

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**9. Train Set** – Every train set has an engine. The engine is the head of the train and pulls all the other cars. On a toy train set though, what really pulls the cars? You do! The engine looks like the leader, but you are the one that gives it power. That's kind of like how God used Moses to lead his people out of Egypt. Moses was the leader the people saw, but God is the one who put him that position and gave him the ability to do all the things he did.

**Bible Lesson:** Exodus 3:1-12 God speaks to Moses at the burning bush.

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember if I trust God, He will lead the way.

**10. Little Green Army Men** – One thing that makes all soldiers work together so well is that during training there are many consequences if they disobey or make a mistake - push ups, sit ups, extra chores etc. This may seem mean, but it's actually out of love because their instructors know that if they make that same mistake in battle it could cost them or a fellow soldier a lot more than some extra push ups. Paul tells us in Romans that there are consequences for our sin. The ultimate punishment for sin is that we will be separated from God forever. That's why God allows us to experience other consequences for sin to try to warn us and cause us to turn to Jesus to be saved from that much worse consequence.

**Bible Lesson:** Romans 6:23 The consequence of sin.

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember why there are consequences if I disobey.

**11. Teddy Bear** – Teddy bears are one of the first toys many kids will play with. They're soft and cuddly enough that they can be given to even the littlest of kids to play with. When Jesus was born however, he probably didn't have a teddy bear to play with and didn't even have soft bed to lay in. When Jesus was born he was born in a barn and laid in a feeding bin for animals.

**Bible Lesson:** Luke 2:1-7 The birth of Jesus

**Main Point:** When I play, I can remember that Jesus was born in the hay so I could be in heaven someday.

**12. Squeaky Toy** – We all have a had a toy that squeaks and makes a lot of noise - it might be a bath toy like a rubber duck or maybe it's a dog toy. Toys that squeak and make a loud noise should remind us that if we know the good news that Jesus is our Savior who forgives our sins - we should make some noise to tell other people! Peter shows how he told a huge group of people the good news of Jesus in one of the first sermons he preached.

**Bible Lesson:** Peter preaches the gospel at pentecost

**Main Point:** When I play, I remember I can tell someone Jesus loves them today.

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

When I play, I remember I can tell someone Jesus loves them today.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will share ways they can tell others about Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Act 2:22-36, Peter Preaches the Gospel at Pentecost

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NirV)*

**SUMMARY:**

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**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Help us to speak up about Jesus this week.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*

## MEMORY VERSE

*“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)*

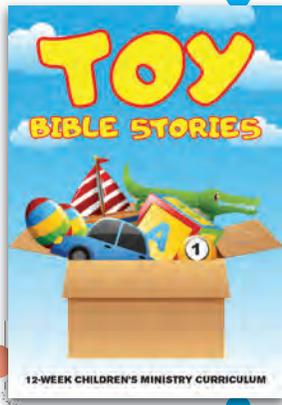
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**LARGE GROUP:**

Pick out some kids at random from the crowd and see who can recite the memory verse. Then repeat it all together.

**SMALL GROUP:**

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.



# MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Toy Bible Stories 12

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SQUEAKY TOY



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

What are some things that your kids like to "squeak" about? A favorite TV show? New music? Exciting news from school? Ask them how they can begin sharing Jesus with that same excitement.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What message did Peter deliver to the crowd at Pentecost?
- Why does God want us to tell other people about Jesus?
- What are some ways you can share Jesus with your friends?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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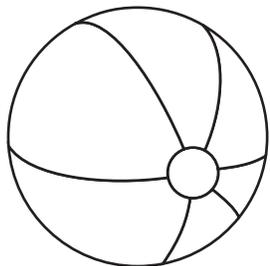
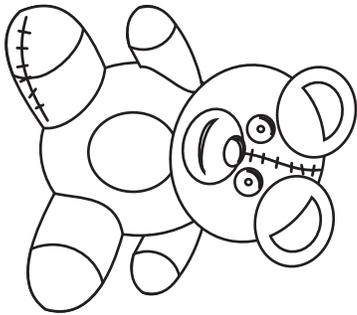
#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

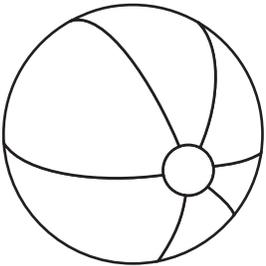
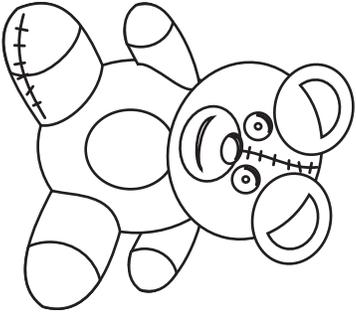
Jesus gave us the command to go and tell the world about Jesus. Talk with your kids about how they can invite their friends to church and share Jesus with them. Pray for them to have the courage and wisdom to know what to say when God gives them the opportunity.

## CRAFT ACTIVITY

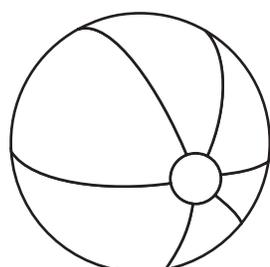
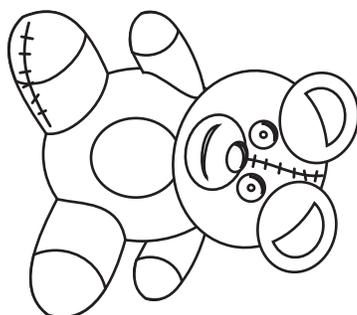
Have the kids make reminders to hang on their bedroom door or the mirror they use every morning that says "I can tell or show someone that Jesus loves them today."



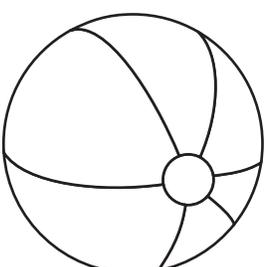
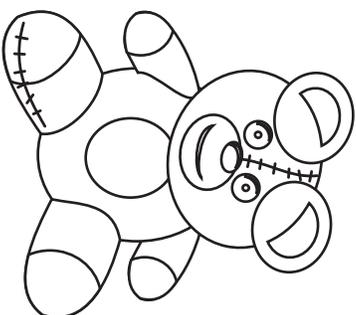
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