



**SMALL  
TALK**

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Go and make disciples  
of all nations.”

Matthew 28:19, NIV

**KEY QUESTION**

What does Jesus want  
me to do?

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus Wants to be  
My Friend Forever

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus wants me to tell  
others about Him.

**APRIL 2013**

**WEEK 1 | 7th April**

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**

Jesus spends time with His disciples  
before going to be with God. He tells  
them to go and make disciples of all  
nations.

**WEEK 2 | 14th April**

**ACTS 12:1-7**

Peter is put in jail for telling others  
about Jesus. God helps Peter by mi-  
raculously setting Him free.

**WEEK 3 | 21st April**

**ACTS 9:1-19**

The love of Jesus changes Saul, a man  
who hates followers of Jesus, to Paul,  
a man who wants everyone to know  
about Jesus.

**WEEK 4 | 28th April**

**ACTS 16:16-34**

Paul and Silas are arrested and put  
in jail for telling people about Jesus.  
They praise the Lord while in jail and  
continue to tell others about Jesus  
even though it's hard.





### PLAY TIME

Talk with your child about how much **Jesus loves his friends**. Think of a special friend you can invite over for a play date. Choose a special snack and think of other ways you can make your friend feel loved. Use this play date to practice loving friends the way Jesus loves us.



### PARENT TIME

You have this pre-schooler. You love him. You want things for him. You want him to know things. You want him to be ready for school. You want him to know his ABCs and his 123s. There is this invisible list of things you feel like you've got to accomplish with him. You feel the pressure of this list. You want to be able to say you DID all you could to equip him for the world.

But, what about him? What about the way he likes to watch a caterpillar crawl across the ground? What about his desire to hear that same story for the 100th time? What about how he feels when you hold his hand as you walk to the park so he can swing higher and higher? What about those things that you can't check off a list? Aren't they important? Couldn't they be MORE important?

Relationships matter. God created us for relationships, both with Him and with others. If we want our children to grow to thrive in relationships, then sometimes the list needs to be put away.

To hear more on managing the tension of lists and relationships, visit [OrangParents.org](http://OrangParents.org) and listen to Carey Nieuwhof's Parent Link Live.



### CAR TIME

Our Bible verse this month says, **'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Matthew 28:19**. As you drive around this month, talk about the places where you are going. Ask your child, 'Does Jesus want the people at the [grocery store] to know Him?' Why, yes! Yes, He does! Jesus wants everyone, everywhere to know Him!



### BATH TIME

Play a game of "I Spy" as you bath your child. Talk about how God helps us see the truth about Jesus just like He helps us see things with our eyes.



### CUDDLE TIME

**"Dear God, I pray that [name of child] and I will learn how to praise You, even in hard times. Help us to tell others about Jesus, no matter how hard it gets. We love You, God, and we want everyone, everywhere, to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus name, Amen."**



**FRIENDSHIP**

Spending time with someone  
you trust and enjoy.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"A friend loves at all times. He is there to  
help when trouble comes."

Proverbs 17:17, NIV

**APRIL 2013**

**WEEK 1:** 7 April

**Paul Writes to Rome**

Romans 14:13; 15:7  
(Acts 9 supporting)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Friends accept one another.

**WEEK 2:** 14th April

**Paul Writes to Thessalonica**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Friends encourage one another.

**WEEK 3:** 21 April

**Paul Teaches Us to Serve**

Galatians 5:13b (Romans 12:16  
supporting)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Friends serve one another.

**WEEK 4:** 28th April

**Friends Worship**

Hebrews 10:25; Colossians 3:16

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Friends worship with one another.





## MEAL TIME

### WEEK 1:

**Ask a kid:** Think about your friends. How are you alike and how are you different?

**Ask a parent:** When was a time you accepted by someone who was very different than you? How did that make you feel?

### WEEK 2:

**Ask a kid:** What do you think you're more likely to regret: choosing what you want to do, or choosing to be there for a friend?

**Ask a parent:** What's the most thoughtful gift you've ever received from a friend? What does it mean to you that Jesus wants to be your best friend?

### WEEK 3:

**Ask a kid:** Encouragement can be cheering on someone who is doing well, or cheering up someone who's going through a hard time. Which one do you think is easier to do, and why?

**Ask a parent:** How is jealousy the enemy of encouragement?

### WEEK 4:

**Ask a kid:** When was a time you found a friend in someone you thought you had nothing in common with?

**Ask a parent:** What do you stand to gain by having friendships with people who are different from you?



## PARENT TIME

Anyone else have a daily checklist? Sometimes it's written down and sometimes it's all in our heads, but many of us have a list of things that need to get done for us to feel like we've accomplished something that day. The checklist is very helpful for completing projects or chores. But have you ever tried to "checklist" your relationships with your family members? Doesn't work very well ... and it's a sure sign you're a task oriented person (like me).

So how do we become less task-oriented and more relationship-oriented, especially in relation to our spouse and kids?

To hear one Type-A's story and learn 5 tips for valuing people more, download this month's Parent Link Live podcast on [www.OrangeParents.org](http://www.OrangeParents.org).