Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

> Key Question: Who can believe in Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can believe in Jesus!

Memory Verse:

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." John 20:31

Bible Story Focus:

I spy someone Jesus loves, no matter what!

Memory Verse with Motions:

Before the Activity:

"I am going to say our memory verse. Watch me!

"These are written (open your hands like a book) so that you (point out) may believe (point to head) that Jesus is the Christ, (point up) the Son of God. (Rock baby.) John 20:31." (Open your hands like a book.)

During the Activity:

"Now, let's do it all together! Are you ready? These are written (open your hands like a book) so that you (point out) may believe (point to head) that Jesus is the Christ, (point up) the Son of God. (Rock baby.) John 20:31." (Open your hands like a book.)

After the Activity:

"God gave us the Gospels and the Bible so that we can learn and believe in Jesus! Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus!"

Yes or No?:

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do: Before the Activity: Teach the children sign language for "yes" and "no." For "no" in sign language, put your index finger and middle finger together then tap them against your thumb. Think of your fingers as an upper lip and your thumb as a bottom lip, and your closing the mouth. For "yes," think of your fisted hand as your head. Raise and lower your fist, bending at the wrist, to nod "yes." Practice several times with the children. Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

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Memory Verse:

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Bible Story Focus:

I spy someone Jesus loves, no matter what! *During the Activity:* Ask the children the following questions and have them answer "yes" or "no" in sign language. Ask additional questions if you wish.

- Does Jesus love us when we disobey? (Yes)
- Will Jesus ever stop loving us? (No)
- Can you believe in Jesus? (Yes)

Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm going to teach you how to talk with your hands! It's called sign language."

During the Activity: "First, let's learn how to say, 'No,' in sign language. Hold two fingers up with your thumb out. (Demonstrate.) Bring your fingers down to your thumb. (Demonstrate.) Great job! That is how you say, 'No,' in sign language.

"Now, let's learn how to say, 'Yes,' in sign language. Make a fist. (*Demonstrate.*) Move your fist like you would nod your head. (*Demonstrate.*) Way to go! I'm going to ask you questions, and you can answer them in sign language." (*Continue the activity.*)

After the Activity: "That was so much fun! Jesus loves us, no matter what. Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus!"

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us, no matter what. Sometimes, we mess up and we don't even mean to do it. Other times, we choose to do the wrong thing, and we're sorry for that. We are so thankful to have a friend like Jesus who will never stop loving us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."