

FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide for Playing in God's Story at Home - January 2014



Wee Ones

Babes - Two

Sing a Song

"If You're Happy and You Know It"
(adapted)

If you're ha-, ha-, happy
stomp your feet.
If you're ha-, ha-, happy
stomp your feet.
If you're ha-, ha-, happy,
God made your legs and feet
If you're ha-, ha-, happy,
Stomp your feet!

Discovering: Jesus Heals (Luke 5:17-39)

Play in the Story

Pretend- Let your little one pretend to be the person who couldn't walk. Pretend to lower them through the roof on a sturdy blanket. Swing them a bit

Move- The man that Jesus healed was so excited he could walk, he wanted to use his legs. He was so excited that he....

Hopped like a bunny...
Jumped like a kangaroo...
Kicked like a little frog...
Waddled like a duck...
Crawled like a turtle...
Rolled like a puppy...



Prayer Walk- As the weather warms up, go outside and see how many different ways you can move your legs. Thank God for legs that can run and jump and hop!

The Loft

Preschool and Kindergarten

Prayer

Teach me God to be just like
a little garden spout.
(hold hand like a spout)

When you fill me up with love,
I pray I'll pour it out!
(tip over your spout)

Let it shower down upon
God's big family.
(rain fingers down)

Help me spread your love
around,
oh, so cheerfully.
(spin around, arms out)



Discovering: Washing Jesus' Feet (Luke 7:36-50)

Play in the Story

Read & Draw - Share the story of the woman washing Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50). Invite your child to draw the scene with you.

Dance - Godfrey Birtill's "It's Bubbling" on *Ring Out Wild Bells* is a great song to dance to! Youtube it to listen free!

Read Aloud - The book *If Jesus Came to My House*, by Joan Thomas, encourages kids to imagine what it would be like to have Jesus over. It takes it a step further by encouraging them to treat everyone who comes over just like they would Jesus.



Be Welcoming - We've all been welcomed to God's dinner table, no matter who we are. Share the good news with someone else, and welcome them to your dinner table! Who will you invite? How will you welcome them?

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Table Talk

Who do you think Jesus is?

What's your favorite story about Jesus?

Why did some want to kill Jesus?

If Jesus were around today, where would you find him?

What would he look like?

Discovering: Who is Jesus Christ?

Get in the Story

Who is this Jesus guy?

Wizard? Mark 4:35-41

Good Teacher? Luke 18:18-27

Carpenter? Mark 6:1-5

Prophet? Luke 7:36-50

Shepherd? John 10:1-10

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13.
Memorize this prayer with your kids and talk about what it shows about Jesus.

Traditional Lenten Practice, Almsgiving
Help your child practice giving during Lent by encouraging them to bring their change to the Wonderground's "giving well" on Sunday mornings.



Jesus On Film - Watch a Jesus-centered movie or play together. *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, *The Miracle Maker*, *Jesus*, and *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* are all great films on DVD or check out the new film *Son of God* in theaters now. You might also try *Godspell* live on stage at Off Center Theatre, March 1-23. Afterwards, share conversation. Does this Jesus fit the one you've heard stories about?

Big-Hearted Kids

How do we create a culture of generosity at home? How do we live out the way of the upside-down kingdom? What if living generously became our way of life?

Try these new rhythms to nurture generosity at home:

A Generous Lunchbox: Invite your kids to pack an extra snack in their lunchbox to share with someone at lunch. KarenEhman.com

I-Spy: In this version everyone is on the look out for a person or place in need. How can you help? Make it an ongoing game at home, in the car, or at school.

Talk About It! Who owns it all anyway? Whose stuff is this? Am I the owner or a steward? What's a steward?

Sneaky Giving: Pick a person you'd all like to give to in a sneaky way. Don't forget the the dark sunglasses! imom.com

We vs. Me: Cultivate team spirit by using "we" and "us" language. With one I-Pad, how can we both play the games we want?



Save. Spend. Give. Make a bank out of three cups. Write "Give" on one, "Save" on one, "Spend" on the other. Tape them together in a row. Decide how to divide your allowance up.

How do you practice generosity at home? Love to hear your stories on the JW Facebook Family Co-Op page.

Mimi Keel

Journey to the Cross



How do we share the story of the cross with our kids? How do we engage Christ throughout the season of Lent and Easter? Come join in an evening of hands-on experience, conversation, and fun!

Thursday, March 13th 6:30 - 8 pm

Register at JacobsWellChurch.org



Books We Love

Perfect for
Grade
School



Perfect for
Pre-
School