

# FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide for Playing in God's Story at Home - May & June 2015

## Wee Ones

Babes - Two

### Sing a Song

Jesus Is My Friend Today  
*(tune of London Bridge)*

Jesus is my friend today,  
Clap your hands!  
Shout hurray!

Jesus is my friend today,  
I love Jesus!

### Discovering: Zacchaeus and Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)

#### Play in the Story

When Jesus came to visit Zacchaeus, everything changed in his life. Talk to your little one about how we want Jesus to be in our homes and hearts.

**Pretend** - Help your little one imagine that Jesus is coming to your house. What should we make for dinner for Jesus? Set the table for a special meal. Talk to your little one about what it would be like to have Jesus at the table.

**Pray** - Pray this prayer over meals together this month. "Come Lord Jesus, Be our guest, and may our meal by thee be blessed, Amen." -Martin Luther



**Generosity** - Talk to your little one about how when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house, Zacchaeus wanted to become a giver. Help your little one choose a few toys or books to donate, or to give to one of their friends.

## The Loft

Preschoolers

### Sing a Song

Go, Shout it from the Mountain

Go, shout it from the mountain,  
(make mountain over head)  
Over the hill and everywhere.  
(hands goes over little hills)

Go, shout it from the mountain,  
(make mountain over head)  
God's Good News is here!  
(cup hands and shout!)

### Discovering: How Beautiful Are Your Feet (Matt. 28:16-20)

#### Play in the Story

**Read & Chat** - Share this month's story from Matt. 28:16-20 & Isaiah 52:7, too! What is the Good News? How can we bring the Good News to other people? They used to use trumpets to share good news! What are your ideas?

**Good News At Home** - Practice the Good News together everyday! Remember when Jesus washed his disciples stinky feet? He was practicing the Good News. What can you do at home to practice the Good News with your family? Help with dirty dishes? Pick up your sibling's room? What else?

**Good News for Friends** - We can show our friends what God's love looks like, too. Check out these great library books for ideas: *You Are Friendly* by Todd Snow, *Do Unto Others* by Laurie Keller, and *The Invisible Boy*, by Trudy Ludwig. (Found at kcpl and mcpl)

**Good News Around the World** - Subscribe to "Compassion Explorer" by Compassion International to help you kids discover God's love for children all over the world. Visit [compassion.com](http://compassion.com) for more information.



## Around The Table

What is a covenant?

How is a covenant the same as/  
different from a promise?

God provided for the Israelites.  
How does God provide for our  
family?

What is an idol?

Might you have an idol in your  
life?

If so, what is it?

## Discovering: The Covenant of the Ten Commandments Get in the Story

### Readin' On The Sofa

Miracle Bread & Water Exodus 16:1 - 17:7  
The Pigeon Dinner Numbers 11:10-35  
Amalekites Attack! Exodus 17:8-16  
The 10 Commandments Exodus 19:1 - 20:17  
The Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-20

**Set Up A Tent** - Tell your child/ren about the tent Israel set up for meetings with God, called the Tabernacle. Set up a tent in one of the corners of the house. Place inside some candles, a bible, and other books or artifacts of religious/spiritual significance. Invite them to spend some time inside meeting with God.

**Greatest Commandment** - Look up the Ten Commandments as listed in Exodus 20:1-17. Chat about unfamiliar words or meanings. Ask: "Which commandment is the most important?" Then read about Jesus and the Greatest Commandment, Mark 12:28-34. Look up Deuteronomy 6:4-5 & Leviticus 19:18 for reference.



**Our Friends in Pokot** - Locate Kenya on a map. Find the NW region of Pokot. Check out books at the library about Kenya and the way of life in Africa. Pray for rain so crops will grow. Pray for Pastor Julius. Pray for the children: Paul, Samuel, Rose, Naomi, Shadrach, and Lucky.

## Hunger Gains: Growing A Healthy Spiritual Appetite In Our Children

In Kids Community, we talk about how God always answers prayer. Sometimes God says "yes", sometimes he says "no", and sometimes his answer is "later." In April, I shared with the kids how God answered one of my prayers with "later." Twenty-six years ago, I talked to God about my dream of going to Africa. This March, I got to go. We talked about our dreams and how God loves to hear about our dreams and hopes.

Our friends in Asilong taught me so many things. They taught me about hunger. Until recently, I've always thought about hunger in Africa in terms of food shortage. The hunger among our Asilong friends was different. Pastor Julius assured me that the community had enough food. Still, I sensed a deep hunger in the community. The hunger I saw in them was three-fold....hunger for learning, hunger for God, and hunger for relationship. You could see this hunger in their eagerness to learn at school, worshipping the Lord, praying with no shortage of words, and enjoying their friends.



The definition of the word hunger is to have a strong desire or to crave. Am I hungry? I don't feel hungry. I feel satiated. For what do I have a strong desire? How can we help our kids hunger? And for what do we want them to hunger? Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Or we might instead say, "then hunger for such things..."  
—Mimi Keel, Kids Community Director

