

## THE STORY OF JESUS IS FOR EVERYBODY! (Younger elem.)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** “The Story of Jesus is for Everybody!” Activity Page; markers and/or crayons

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child an Activity Page.
- To complete the activity, draw a line from each kid to his or her matching outline.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

“Who is the story of Jesus for? Yes! **The story of Jesus is for everybody!** The story of Jesus is for people all around the world, and the story of Jesus is for you, too. The only thing you need to do is believe in Jesus. *[Make It Personal] (Using kid-friendly words, briefly tell how you came to believe in Jesus.)* The story of Jesus is for me, the story of Jesus is for you, and **the story of Jesus is for everybody!** So, who is the story of Jesus for? Say it with me! **The story of Jesus is for everybody!**”

## GRACE AND FAITH (Younger elem.)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, “Rebus Cards” Activity Page, tape

### What to do:

- Help your kids look up the verse in their Bibles, and then read it aloud together a few times.
- Use the “Rebus Cards” to unpack the verse, being sure to explain what saved/salvation, grace, and faith mean, in kid friendly terms, of course! *(Kids this age won’t understand yet what these words mean—and the meaning will change for them as they develop a relationship with God—but exposing them to these words and using them in conversation is a great way to plant a seed.)*
  - Saved/salvation – being forgiven and having life forever with God
  - Grace – God’s goodness to us, especially when we don’t deserve it; kind of like getting to have ice cream for no reason
  - Faith – believing that the story of Jesus is for me; believing that what Jesus did can change me
- Place the cards randomly around your environment.
- Slowly say the verse aloud, allow kids to look for, find and put the cards in verse order..
- Repeat a couple times, increasing your speed with each repetition. Add variety by having kids move different ways when finding the cards: tiptoe, crab walk, kangaroo hop, caterpillar crawl, etc.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

Wow! This verse is AMAZING! It tells us there’s nothing we can DO to earn salvation. We aren’t saved by doing good things or by following certain rules. The only way we are saved is by God’s incredible goodness to us when we believe that Jesus came to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. Salvation is God’s gift to everyone who believes in Jesus. So, remember: **The story of Jesus is for everybody.**

## PRAY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Prepared present

### WHAT YOU SAY:

Who is the story of Jesus for? Yes! **The story of Jesus is for everybody.** Do you need to follow certain rules in order to be saved? Do you need to DO certain things in order to be saved? No, you don’t. *(Have child open the box and pull out card.)*

Salvation is an INCREDIBLE gift. God gives us this gift when we believe in what Jesus did for us on the cross. Ephesians 2:8 says it this way: ‘God’s grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn’t come from anything you do. It is God’s gift.’ **The story of Jesus is for everybody** ... including YOU. Let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank You SO much for sending Your Son Jesus to die on the cross as payment for our sins so that we can be saved. Help us never forget this incredible, wonderful gift that You have given us, and help everyone here come to believe in You and know deep in their hearts that the story of Jesus is for them. We love You, Lord. You are SO, so good. Amen.”