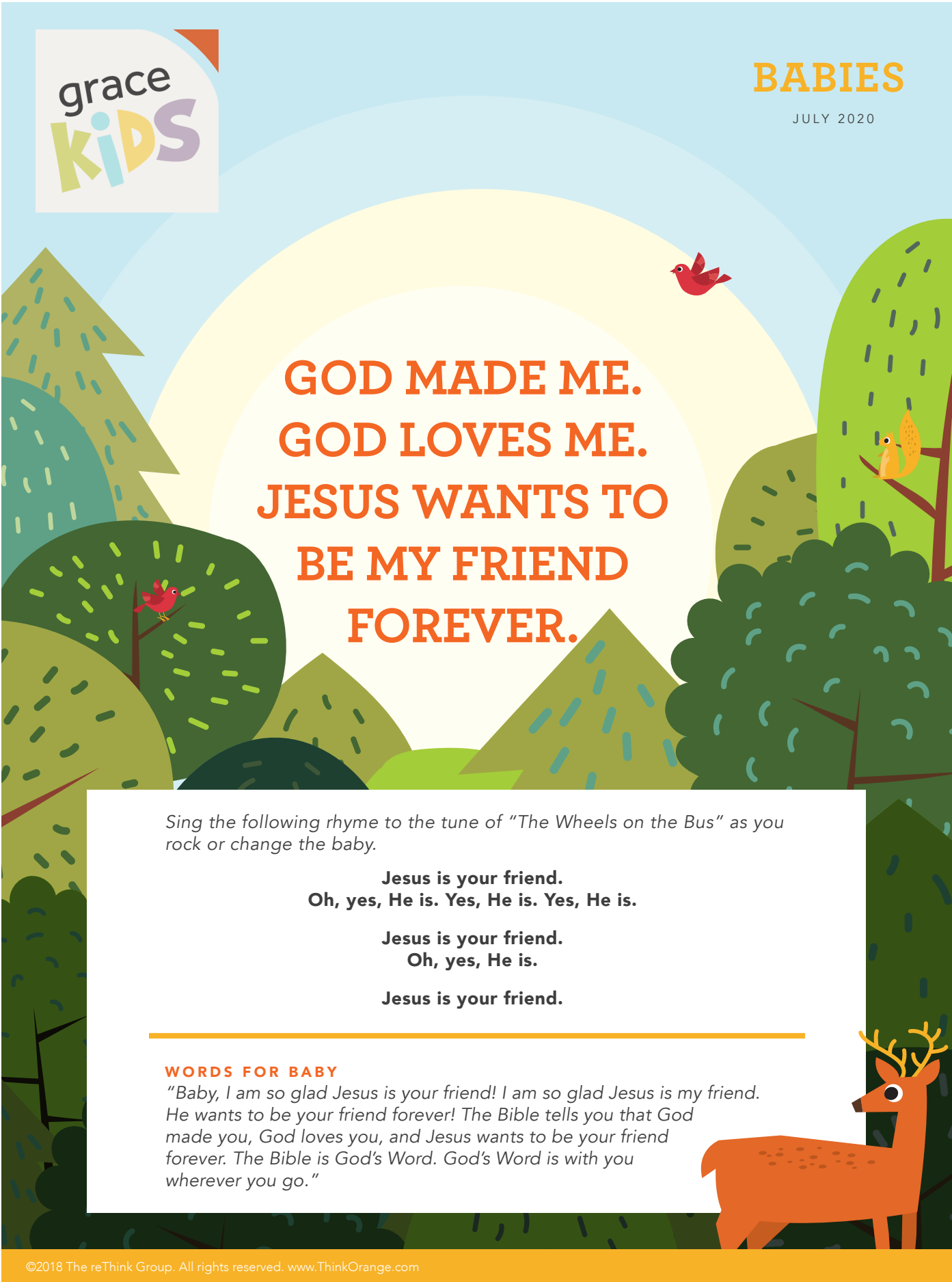


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**KIDS**

**NURSERY**



**GOD MADE ME.  
GOD LOVES ME.  
JESUS WANTS TO  
BE MY FRIEND  
FOREVER.**

Sing the following rhyme to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus" as you rock or change the baby.

**Jesus is your friend.  
Oh, yes, He is. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.**

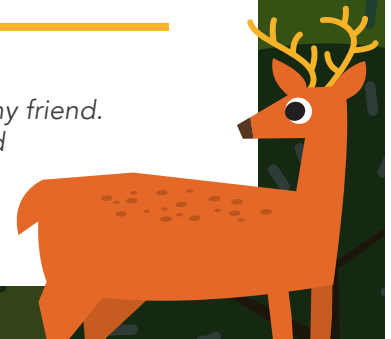
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**WORDS FOR BABY**

*"Baby, I am so glad Jesus is your friend! I am so glad Jesus is my friend. He wants to be your friend forever! The Bible tells you that God made you, God loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever. The Bible is God's Word. God's Word is with you wherever you go."*



## July 2020

### Curriculum for Nursery A



We want our babies to take a first look at who God is and understand:

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Bible Words:** "I have hidden your word in my heart." Psalm 119:11, NIV

**Bottom Line:** God's Word is with you wherever you go.

**Basic Truth:** God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

With each baby you should be taking the time to sing the song, speak the Bible verse and let them know that God made them. This can be done while holding, feeding and/or changing the baby's diaper.

*Sing the following rhyme to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus" as you rock or change the baby.*

**Jesus is your friend.  
Oh, yes, He is. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.**

**Jesus is your friend.  
Oh, yes, He is.**

**Jesus is your friend.**

### **Words For Baby:**

"Baby, I am so glad Jesus is your friend! I am so glad Jesus is my friend. He wants to be your friend forever! The Bible tells you that God made you, God loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever. The Bible is God's Word. God's Word is with you wherever you go."

WEEK  
**FIVE**

**TODDLERS  
AND  
EARLY PRE-K  
(AGES 1-3)**



## August 2, 2020

**Bible Words:** "I have hidden your word in my heart." Psalm 119:11, NIV

God's Word Is With Me • *Psalm 119:11*

**Bottom Line:** God's Word is with you wherever you go.

**Basic Truth:** God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### Story Time

Meet with your child on a rug or in a specific area of your home to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

**What You Need:** Bible

**LEADER:** "This is the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It has God's words in it. God gave us the Bible to show us which way to go. We love the Bible. (*Give Bible a hug.*)"

"The Bible says we can take God's Word with us wherever we go! No matter where we go in the world, God's Word can go with us in our heart.

"When we practice saying God's words, they live in our heart, and we can take them with us everywhere. Let's march around the room practicing God's words. I want you to be as loud as you can. Are you ready?"

"Say 'God made me.' God made me. God made me. God made me. God made me. Keep marching!"

"Say, 'God loves me.' God loves me. God loves me. God loves me. God loves me. Keep marching!"

"Say, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever.' Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

"Great job! Okay, stop marching. You were so loud yelling all those awesome words. God's Word, the Bible tells us that God made you, God loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

## Craft Time

**What You Need:** "Picture Frame" Activity Page, crayons or markers.

*What You Do:*

*Before the Activity:* Print out the "Picture Frame" sheet. Gather crayons and markers.

*During the Activity:* Retell the story as your child decorates his picture frame with markers or crayons.

*What You Say:*

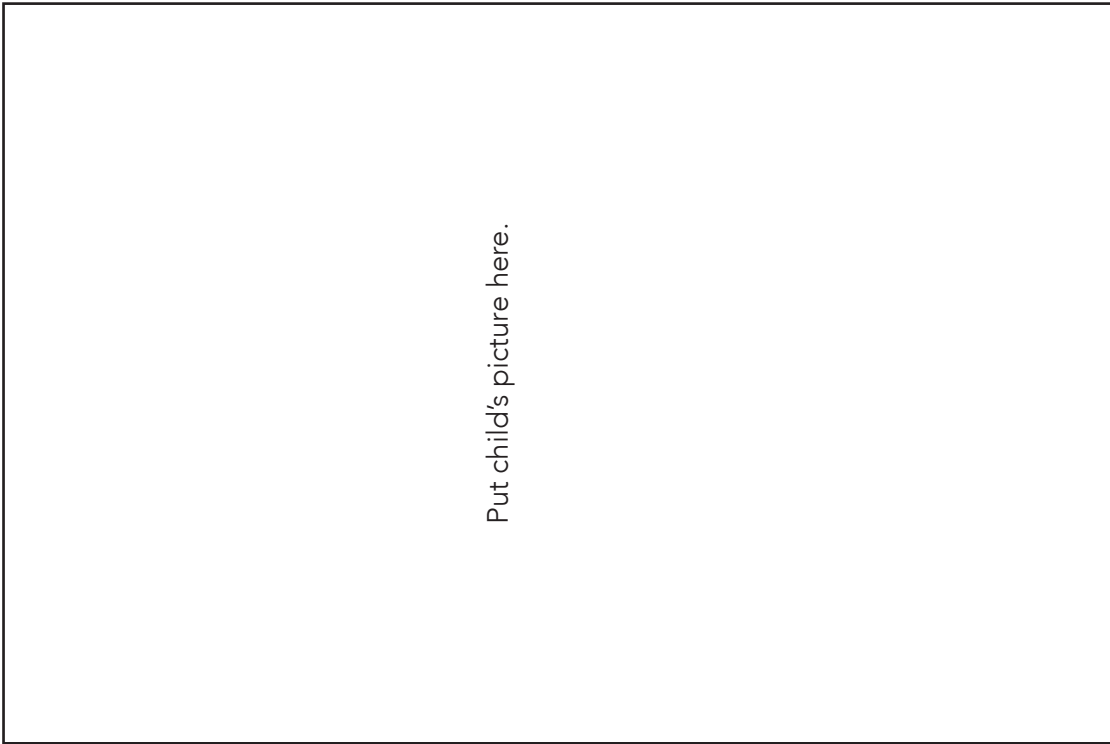
*During the Activity:* "Today we learned more about the Bible. The Bible has God's words in it, and it tells us which way to go. That makes it very, very special. Let's say the word 'Bible' together at the count of three. One, two, three, Bible. Great job!

"The Bible says we can take God's Word with us wherever we go! No matter where we go in the world, God's Word can go with us in our heart.

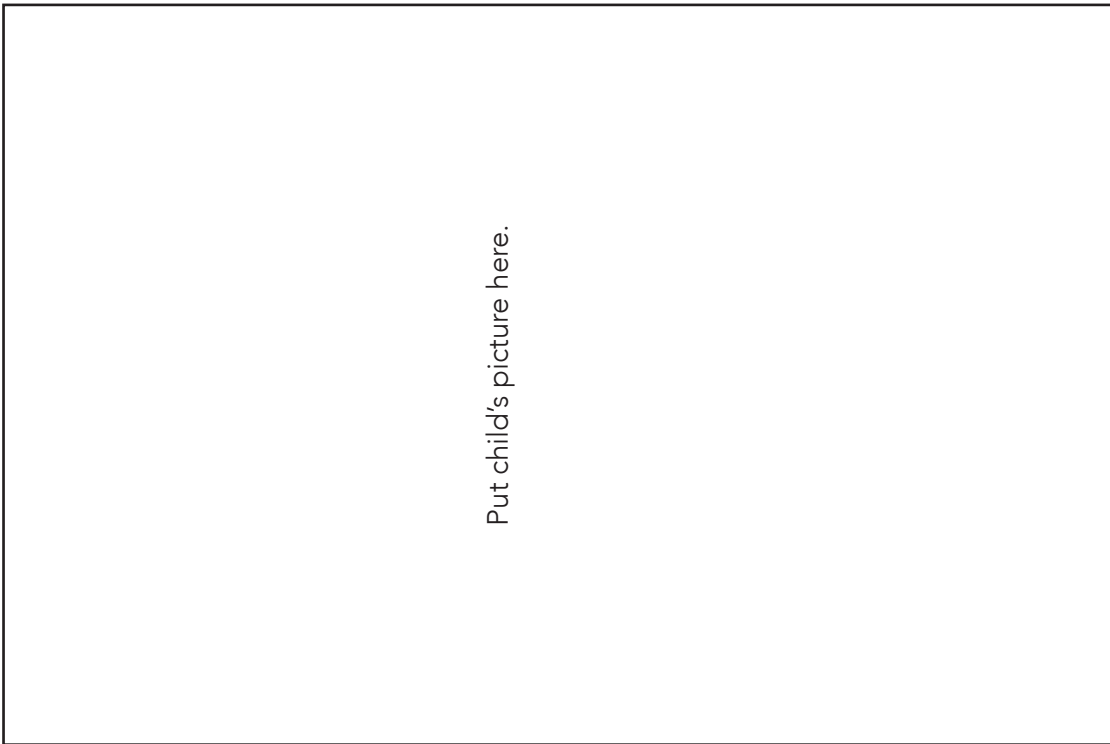
"When we practice saying God's words, they live in our heart, and we can take them with us everywhere. Let's practice some of God's words. Say, 'God made me.' God made me. Say, 'God loves me.' God loves me. Say, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever.' Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Great job!

"Look at your paper. It's a picture frame. When you are finished with it, we can print a picture to put in the middle of it. Down here at the bottom it says 'God's Word is with me wherever I go.' Every time you look at this picture frame, you can remember that God's Word is with you [child's name]. Yes, God's Word is with each of you wherever you go because you carry His words in your heart.

"You can take God's words with you when you go home and when you go to the store and even when you go to the park. We can take God's Word with us wherever we go **[Bottom Line] God's Word is with you wherever you go!**"



**God's Word is with me wherever I go.**



**God's Word is with me wherever I go.**

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**KIDS**

**PRE-K**



## WEEK FIVE

### JOHN 3:16

God loved us so much  
He gave us His Son, Jesus.

## SAY THIS

**WHAT IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO?  
GOD'S WORD IS WITH ME  
WHEREVER I GO.**

## DO THIS



## CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. I pray [child's name] will never forget how much [he/she] is loved by You. In Jesus' name, amen."

## REMEMBER THIS

"I have hidden your word in my heart."  
Psalm 119:11, NIV

## BASIC TRUTH

**GOD MADE ME. GOD LOVES ME.  
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.**

## WHAT YOU SHOULD BE STRIVING FOR AS A PARENT

By Jeff Brodie

There are no perfect parents, and there are no perfect kids. So what is the ideal family? What should be our goal?

When I look at my family, there is a tension between what is real and what is ideal. While I should be a patient parent, I can find myself making mistakes and pulling my hair out every day. God sets out some great ideals for us as parents. The big question is:

Will I abandon ideals, or lower my standards, just to make me feel better about my parenting?

OR Will I accept that even if I won't be the ideal parent, I need to parent toward ideals?

Here are three ways I find myself lowering my standards as a parent:

1. Quietly judging the parents around me. Sometimes pointing out the mistakes in others is motivated by a need to make us feel better about ourselves. We can find ourselves judging, gossiping, or critiquing the parents around us (or their kids) as an escape from focusing on our own need to improve how we lead our own children.

2. Blaming my own parent. At times, we can find ourselves blaming the past for our parenting mistakes today. We sometimes need to be reminded that the bad habits we inherit are meant to

be broken, not to be blamed. Our past shouldn't be an excuse to not parent towards an ideal, but a springboard towards something better.

3. Excusing ordinary situations by calling them extraordinary.

So often my parenting excuses start with claiming that my current situation is an exception to the ideal: "The reason I don't spend time with my kids is because I'm so much busier than everyone else." By claiming our situation is extraordinary gives us an excuse to lower our standards.

So, how do we handle the tension between what's real and what's ideal?

The answer: We take our cues from God who models this for us. One of the mysteries of God is His ability to hold up ideals for me to aim towards, but to hold out His arms with grace because He knows I won't always meet them—all with the goal of seeing me grow in my faith as a person and a parent.

You'll never be a perfect parent, but you can strive for what's best, while understanding that God is ready to forgive and walk alongside you every step of the way.

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