

# Coming Home

*A Father and His Two Sons*

January 2024

## Prop Talk

A // Find Truth // January 6-8 // **Week 1**  
B // Truth Tunes // January 13-15 // **Week 2**  
C // True Love // January 20-22 // **Week 3**  
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# Order of Experience

## Play 20 minutes

- Make sure *Pre-Experience Music* is playing
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# PROP TALK A

Whole Group Leader Guide



## COMING HOME

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FIND TRUTH

directions on back

### YOU'LL NEED

- Magnifying glass (1 per room)
- Mini Bible (1 per room)

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SAY WITH ME

all ages

**Say Together:** I can trust Jesus.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> QUESTIONS

age 4

- **What does a magnifying glass help us see?**  
*Teeny-tiny things*
- **Who helps us see God's truth in the Bible?**  
*Jesus*

## FIND TRUTH

directions

### Before Prop Talk Begins

1. **Secretly hide mini Bible** somewhere in your room. **Ideas:** *Hide it where another child won't find it as you transition to Prop Talk, like on your cart or somewhere kids can't reach.*

### Prop Talk

1. **Show** magnifying glass to kids.

**Say:** Friends, what is this?

2. Kids **respond**.

**Say:** This is a magnifying glass. It helps us see teeny-tiny things very clearly. It reminds me of Jesus! Jesus helps me see the truth very clearly. And Jesus helps me find God's truth in the Bible! Want to hear something fun? I hid a tiny Bible in our room today. Let's go on a hunt to find God's truth in the Bible!

3. **Move** to a spot in your room and **look through** the magnifying glass for the Bible there. Use the **Look Here List** for ideas.

**Say:** Nope. I don't see God's truth in the Bible here. I'll keep looking!

4. **Continue** looking, allowing kids to search with you if you'd like!
5. When you only have a couple of minutes left, **find** the mini Bible you hid and **celebrate**!
6. **Show** kids how the magnifying glass to makes the Bible look bigger and clearer, allowing as many kids as possible to look at it through the glass.
7. **Say** "Say With Me" listed on the front.
8. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

### Look Here List

- In the corners of your room
- Under a table or chair
- Behind the TV
- On the ceiling
- On a shelf
- Behind the picture schedule on the wall

# PROP TALK B

Whole Group Leader Guide



## COMING HOME

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TRUTH TUNES

directions on back

### YOU'LL NEED

- Bible songs sound book (1 per room)

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SAY WITH ME

all ages

**Say Together:** I can trust Jesus.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> QUESTIONS

age 4

- **Which song about Jesus was your favorite?**  
*Answers will vary.*
- **Which book always teaches us the truth about God?** *The Bible*

## TRUTH TUNES

directions

1. **Show** the song book to kids.

**Say:** Friends, do you know what will happen when I press one of the buttons on this book?

2. Kids **respond**.

**Say:** It's a musical book! It will play a special song that teaches truth about Jesus. It reminds me of the Bible! The Bible always teaches us truth about Jesus. Let's say this together: "The Bible is God's book for you! You can trust it's right and true."

3. **Say together with kids:** "The Bible is God's book for you! You can trust it's right and true."
4. **Pick** a kid to **press** a button on the book.
5. **Listen** to the song it plays and **sing** along if you know it!
6. **Tell** kids the truth from the Bible the song reminds us about.
  - **Ideas:** Jesus loves us; God made everything; we can share the light of Jesus with everyone; Jesus gives us joy; etc.
7. **As time allows, repeat** steps 4-6.
8. Say "Say With Me" listed on the front.
9. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.



# PROP TALK C

Whole Group Leader Guide



## COMING HOME

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TRUE LOVE

directions on back

### YOU'LL NEED

- Hand-held mirror with heart sticker on back (1 per room)

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SAY WITH ME

all ages

**Say Together:** I can trust Jesus.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> QUESTIONS

age 4

- **How long do feelings last: for a little while or forever?** *For a little while*
- **How long does Jesus' love last: for a little while or forever?** *Forever*

## TRUE LOVE

directions

1. **Show** the mirror so kids can see their faces.

**Say:** Friends, what do you see when you look in this mirror?

2. Kids **respond**.

**Say:** Yes! This mirror shows you what your face looks like. Now let's play a mirror game. I'll say a feeling, and you can make the face that shows that feeling.

3. **Say**, "Sometimes I feel ... say an emotion from the **Emotions List** below."

4. Both you and kids **make a face** that shows the emotion while you **hold up** mirror so kids can see the emotion on their faces.

5. **Ask**, "Is it true that you always feel name of emotion you just showed?"

6. Kids **respond**, "No!"

7. **Repeat** steps 3-6, choosing a new emotion each time.

8. **Show** heart on back of mirror.

**Say:** We feel lots of feelings that come and go. But this heart reminds me of one thing that is **always** true: Jesus always loves you! Think about how much Jesus loves you right now and look in the mirror!

9. **Show** kids their faces in the mirror as they think of Jesus' love for them. **Say** how happy and calm they look when they think of Jesus' love!

10. **Say** "Say With Me" listed on the front.

11. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

#### Emotions List

- Angry
- Sad
- Scared
- Confused
- Worried
- Disgusted
- Happy
- Surprised

# PROP TALK D

Whole Group Leader Guide



## COMING HOME

### 1<sup>ST</sup> BIBLE DANCE

directions on back

### YOU'LL NEED

- Heart pop-up card (1 per room)
- Children's Bible (1 per room)

**Note:** *The Bible App for Kids Storybook Bible will best match the content in this unit.*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SAY WITH ME

all ages

**Say Together:** I can trust Jesus.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> QUESTIONS

age 4

- **What do you think the Bible tells us about God's love?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: He loves us; God is love; God's love is good; etc.*
- **Say something true about Jesus that makes you want to dance!** *Answers will vary. Ideas: He loves me; He is with me; He is strong; He is powerful; He is good; etc.*

## BIBLE DANCE

directions

### Before Prop Talk Begins

1. **Secretly tuck** pop-up heart card in the middle of the Bible so it can be opened as if it were a part of the Bible.

### Prop Talk

1. **Hold up** the Bible.

**Say:** Friends, this is God's book for you, the Bible! It's the story of God's love for you. I hid a special heart inside it. Want to see?

2. Kids **respond**.
3. **Open** Bible so that **heart pops out** of it.
4. **Show** kids the heart, then **close** the Bible.

**Say:** The heart reminds me how much Jesus loves us—and that makes me want to dance! Let's play a game about that! When I show you the heart, you jump up and dance! But if I close the Bible, you get to freeze!

5. **Open** Bible so that **heart pops out** of it and **say**, "Jesus loves us!"
6. Kids **dance**.
7. **Close Bible** so **kids freeze** for a few seconds.
8. **Repeat** steps 5-7 as time allows.
9. **Say** "Say With Me" listed on the front.
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