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### **WEEK FIVE**

#### ACTS 3:1-11, 16

Peter and John tell a lame man about Jesus, and he is healed.

## SAY THIS

## WHO CAN TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS?

I CAN TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.

## DO THIS



#### **CUDDLE TIME**

Cuddle up with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to live and to die so we can

be with You forever. Thank You that Jesus came back so we can be friends. Help us to tell (encouarge your child to name people) the big news that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever too. In Jesus' name, amen."

#### **REMEMBER THIS**

"Go and make disciples of all nations."

Matthew 28:19, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.



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### THE SECRET OF SUPERMAN

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When I was a kid, I was obsessed with Superman. I still remember the day my parents handed me a box from Sears and Roebuck that contained a red cape, blue tights with a red-and-yellow "S" shield on the chest. When I put it on, something magical happened. It transformed me from a shy six-year-old to a super hero with unique powers. I would become more powerful than my dad's parked car. I could leap tall fences with a single bound. I was faster than our speeding fox terrier.

I don't actually recall when I stopped pretending to be Superman, but his story did convince me of something that is true: Good will ultimately win over evil.

It's ironic that the story of Superman was created in 1938 by two high school students in Cleveland Ohio. Superman literally showed up in the nick of time. It just happened to be the same year Hitler appointed himself as the supreme commander of the armed forces of Germany and set the stage for the most horrific war the world would ever know.

It's intriguing that while nations were drawn into a world war that would threaten their existence, a fictional story of a superhero would entertain the imagination of a generation to suggest that good will somehow always prevail. I guess you should just

never underestimate the power of a good story.

The point is the stories you tell to your kids every week really matter.

Why do you think Frodo in "Lord of the Rings," Aslan in "The Chronicles of Narnia," and a boy named Harry have such an appeal to the imagination of kids?

Because they echo an aspect of an ancient narrative that God put into motion at the beginning of time.

They remind us of . . .

- ... the struggle between good and evil.
- ...the existence of a supernatural and miraculous power.
- ...the potential to be personally restored and transformed.

The right story can inspire, incite faith, and give hope.

If you want to change the way kids see the world, then make sure you give them stories over time.

Stories are powerful. Especially when they reflect God's story. So do whatever you can to amplify the best stories around you. They can make life fuller, faith deeper, hope stronger.

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