



### BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY  
FRIEND FOREVER.

### KEY QUESTION

WHO IS THERE WHEN YOU  
NEED HIM?

### BOTTOM LINE

JESUS IS THERE WHEN I NEED HIM.

### STORY SUMMARY

FOUR MEN CARRY THEIR DISABLED  
FRIEND TO JESUS BECAUSE HE HAS  
THE POWER TO HELP HIM.  
MARK 2:1-12

## PARENT TIME



It's a new year. It's a time to refocus our energy. It's a time to look inward and reflect on the past and look forward to dream of the future. Do you know one person Who will show up as you think about your past? Jesus. He was there. He was there when you changed jobs. He was there when you became a parent. He was there when you thought you needed Him and when you thought you didn't. Jesus was there—ALL THE TIME.

As you look to the future, know that Jesus will be there too. He will be there when someone gets sick. He will be there when you move. He will be there when you get a new job. Jesus is the there when you need Him. And, you will always need Him.

Spend some time with Jesus this month. Open your Bible to Mark 2 and read how Jesus was there for a man who needed Him. Then, flip to Mark 3 and read how He was there for another. In Mark 4, He was there again. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is there for people who need Him. He will be there for you too. Just ask.

The community at [TheParentCue.org](http://TheParentCue.org) was created to help parents do family better. With blog discussions, podcasts, advice, and inspiration, Parent Cue prompts us to intentionally connect with our families regularly. Since none of us need more to do in our day, Parent Cue helps us capture the time we're already spending together.

There's an app for that:

**Parent Cue App** – centered around a monthly topic, this app sends weekly CUEs that remind us to connect with our kids whether at home or on the go. You can even watch Bible story videos during drive time using the app.



## MORNING TIME

This month let your child wake up to, "Good morning! It's time to make it a great day with our good friend Jesus!"



## CAR TIME

As you buckle your child in his seat, say, "We need our seatbelt." As you crank the car, say, "Our car needs gas." As you drive along, ask you child to point out other things we need, like a grocery store, stop signs, the sunshine, or a police car. As you get out of the car, ask your child, "Who is there when we need Him?" Say together, "Jesus is there when we need Him!"



## BATH TIME

Help your child pick four special toy friends for bath time. Count the friends. Wash the friends. Play with the friends. Talk about why he chose those four friends. Tell your child that the four friends in the Bible story this week carried their friend to see Jesus so He could help him.



## CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray. "Dear God, thank You for [child's name]. He is one of my best friends and I love him. Thank You for his friends, [your child's friends' names]. I pray You will help [child's name] be a good friend to them. I am so glad we have Jesus to show us how to be a great friend! We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



## PLAY TIME

Tell your child to pick a favorite stuffed "friend" to carry around all day. Wherever you go, your child will carry this toy because it can't walk without him. Talk about how the man in the Bible story this week couldn't walk without his four friends. They carried him to see Jesus so He could help him.