



## Hey Parents!

We have a family lesson that goes along with Harborside's Sunday message. Don't forget to check that out to bring your whole family into deeper conversation about what we're learning as a church family!

Find it on our **Harborside Kids at Home** website under "Sermon Follow Alongs"

### Hey Friends!

This series we are talking about friendship with God. The Bible talks a lot about how God wants to be our friend, one of our very best friends. Do you remember some ways we've learned we can grow in friendship with God?  
(allow time for responses)

#### Let's go over some!

- I Can Believe God
- I Hear God's Good News
- I Can Celebrate Jesus
- I Can Get Quiet

**Jesus tells us we are His friends. What are some things you like to do with Jesus?**  
( discuss it together, let kids share what they like to do with Jesus)

**We get to grow our friendship with God by reading His Word, the Bible, too.**  
**Let me hear you say this after me: (pause to let them repeat):**

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)

**Read** (make book with hands)

**God's Word** (both hands point up)

### BIBLE STORY

#### Supplies:

#### BIBLE STORY CARDS

- SAY: **Let's get quiet and read God's Word together now.**
- Show and read the Bible Story Cards to the group
- You can also watch the Bible story video here:

#### BIBLE STORY VIDEO

### MEMORIZE IT

1. SAY: **When we get quiet and spend time with God, our friendship with Him grows! There's a verse from God's word I want to teach you. We can say this verse to God any time.**

2. Demonstrate and have kids repeat the verse several times after you:

**"God,** (both hands point up)

**You are my God.** (thumbs to chest)

**I want to follow You."** (pretend to pray)

**Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)



## GOD IS - Craft

Supplies: God Is craft, crayons, markers

The Bible is full of stories about God. When we read God's Word, the Bible, we begin to learn all about who God is. It's just like with our friends, the more you spend time with them, the more you get to know them!

### "GOD IS" PRINTOUT

1. Print out a "God Is" craft for each child or have them draw a picture of God on a piece of a paper
2. Take time to let everyone color their craft
3. When kids finish coloring, you can let kids take turns picking a trait of God to talk about. (**if you're drawing by hand, have kids draw around God some things they know about God to be true like if He's joyful, draw a smile, He's Love, draw a heart, etc.**)
4. When you've gone through some of the traits on the activity, have kids give some examples of what they know God is like too

**When we read the Bible, we learn more about who God is!**

## BIBLE BOOKMARK

Supplies: beads, string or [BOOKMARK PRINTOUT](#)

The Bible is a book God gave us to read every single day. Let's make a bookmark so that you can find your place every single morning when you get quiet to read with God

- Have kids sit down at the table
- Pass out a string to each child to be their bookmark or a printout
- PARENTS – make sure a good knot is tied on one end before they start
- Let kids put beads on their bookmark until it's  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. (you can also use cut up straw pieces as beads if you don't have beads available)
- Once kids get all their beads on, let them pick a finishing bead and PARENTS, tie the cross on as their last bead and tie it off

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    **"God,** (both hands point up)  
    **You are my God.** (thumbs to chest)  
    **I want to follow You."** (pretend to pray)  
    **Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)
3. Remind kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can get some Harbor Bucks when they have it memorized



## MEMORY VERSE

**God,** (both hands point up)  
**You are my God.** ( thumbs to chest)  
**I want to follow You.”** (pretend to pray)

**Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)

## SNOWBALL FIGHT

Supplies: [SNOWBALL CARDS PRINTOUT](#)

[SNOWBALL ONLINE](#)

SAY: **When we spend time with God, we can get quiet, read God’s Word, and then we can open our hearts to God and see what we can learn from Him.**

**Let’s play a fun game to help us remember what we need to know today.**

1. Printout Snowballs cards or make numbered cards from 1-12 on individual pieces of paper
2. Place Snowball Cards all around the house
3. Allow kids to search for the Snowball Cards
4. As they find cards, read them aloud, and allow kids to respond
5. Continue until all the Snowball Cards have been found and discussed then SAY:

- **Great job! Reading God’s Word and spending quiet time with God helps our friendship with Him grow! Let me hear you say this after me**

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**I Can** (thumbs to chest)

**Read** (make book with hands)

**God’s Word** (both hands point up)

## GAME: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Supplies: dice

Roll the number dice or have kids pick a number 1-6. Have kids repeat the memory verse after you, based on what number the die lands on:

1. As fast as they can, just like gingerbread men
2. As quiet as falling snowflakes
3. As slow as a sleepy polar bear
4. In a low, deep voice like a wise, old owl
5. In a squeaky, high-pitched voice like a tiny mouse
6. In a singing voice, like carolers at the ranger station

## POLAR BEAR SAYS

Play this game like “Simon Says” but using the phrase “Polar Bear says....” Instead.

Polar Bear says...

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| - Touch your toes | - Clap hands            |
| - Touch your nose | - Pat knees             |
| - Spin around     | - Stomp feet            |
| - Reach up high   | - Flap arms like an owl |