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Bible Story Focus: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to be patient.

Simeon at the Temple • *Luke 2:22-39*

Memory Verse: “I can do everything by the power of Christ.” Philippians 4:13, NIV

Key Question: Who gives you the power to do everything?

Bottom Line: Jesus gives me the power to do everything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

1. Inside the Verse

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in a circle.

During the Activity: Start with one child and say the memory verse by inserting their name at the beginning. [Child’s name] can do everything by the power of Christ, Philippians 4:13. Repeat with each child’s name.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our verse tells each and every one of us that Jesus gives us the power to do anything!”

During the Activity: “God knows all of our names and He talks to all of us.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “We are very special to God, and He gives us the power to do anything. **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

2. Wait for the Baby

What You Need: A ball of yarn and a small plastic doll

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Wrap the doll in the yarn.

During the Activity: Let each child take a turn unwrapping the doll.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “There is something hid inside here.” (*Hold up the yarn and the doll.*)

During the Activity: “Let’s work together to unwrap the yarn and to find out what is inside. (*Do activity.*) WOW! That took a long time, but it was so worth it! We found a doll. Just like in our Bible story, Simeon was patient and God sent Jesus to be our friend forever!”

After the Activity: “God wants us to be patient, and Jesus gives us the power to be patient! **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

4. Power Hat

What You Need: “Hat” Activity Page, sentence strip, glue sticks, star stickers, scissors, and clear tape

What You Do:

During the Activity: Help children glue the star in the middle of the sentence strip. Allow children to decorate the sentence strip with the star stickers.

After the Activity: Fit the sentence strip around the child’s head and secure it with tape.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are going to make a POWER hat!”

During the Activity: “Jesus gives us the power to do everything. This hat will tell everyone that Jesus is our friend and He gives us the power to everything.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Your POWER hats look amazing! **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

One teacher stands at the door and checks security tag and asks guardian to sign the check-in label. Other teacher(s) play with the children as they wait to be picked up.