

STEP ONE: Watch the EC video at hillsideonline.com/kids

STEP TWO: Repeat the verse twice with the motions!

"A friend

(hook your pointer fingers together)

loves

(hug yourself)

at all times."

(stretch your arms out and turn in a circle)

Proverbs 17:17

(open hands like a book)

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• STEP THREE: Have fun with the activity "Come to Me!"

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• **What you do:**

- Call out different animal movements for your child to mimic from the list below. After a few seconds, say, "Come to me," and guide them to run to you and give you a hug. Then send them back to their starting spot and call out a different animal to mimic.

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• **Movements:**

- March in place like an ant
- Run like a cheetah
- Hop like a kangaroo
- Swim like a fish
- Waddle like a penguin
- Move SLLL0000WWWLLLYYY like a turtle

- Say "I will call out an animal and a movement. I want you to move like that animal. Keep moving until I say, 'Come to me,' then you can run to me and give me a hug. Are you ready?"

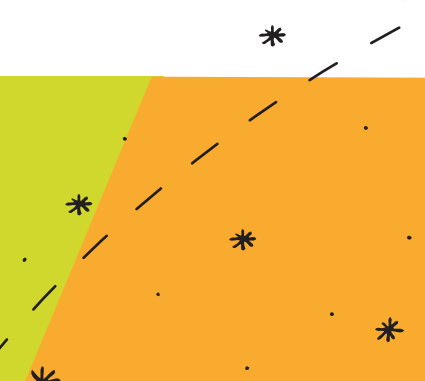
- March in place like an ant! (Let them march for several seconds.) Come to me!
- Great job! Head back to your spot and let's do it again. This time, run in place like a cheetah. (Continue with other animals.)

- Who wanted the children to come to Him in our story today? (Pause.) That's right, Jesus did! Jesus loves all children, and He wants them ALL to be His friend forever. Who loves you? Jesus loves me!"

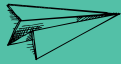
- * the Bible story for this week is Luke 18:15-16

STEP FOUR: Pray together as a family!

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone. Thank You that Jesus didn't just come to be a friend to grown-ups. He came to be a friend to children, too! Jesus wants ALL children to be His friend forever! Please help us tell all of our friends that Jesus loves them and that He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



STEP FIVE: Encourage your child to draw a picture of them and Jesus!



STEP SIX: Remind them that Jesus wants every child to be His friend forever.