

# First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families.

## Unit 5 — Jesus

### Lesson 5 — He desires a relationship with us.

**Introduction** — We and our children all need to get used to one astounding fact: Every morning, we wake up in a world where the living Christ wants to go through the day communing with each of us. Life isn't supposed to be about going it alone, even for a minute. Sometimes that makes us uncomfortable. We wish He would go away. But He won't. And that realization should always be in the back of our minds. Whenever we are hurting or are worried about something, we can immediately turn to Jesus. Likewise, whenever we are tempted to think or act badly, we should remember He's right there watching us.

### Here's the Activity:

#### Read this devotional with your family.

Spencer has a problem. He doesn't know what to do about the boys who tease him at school. He needs to talk to someone.

"Hey, Mom," Spencer starts.

"In a minute, Honey," Mom answers. "I'm busy right now." Spencer goes to find Dad.

"Dad, can I talk to you for a minute?" he asks.

"Sure. But I need to clean up and leave for a meeting. Can you tell me later?" Dad asks, hurrying to his bedroom.

"All I want is someone to talk to!" Spencer says as he plops down on the couch. He feels lonely. He looks out the front window and thinks about what his Sunday school teacher had told him about how much Jesus loves children. One time Jesus let children come to Him — even when His helpers said no.

Spencer starts to realize that Jesus loves him, too. Jesus will listen to him. So Spencer prays, "Dear Jesus, please help me find a way to get along with the boys at school."

When Spencer finishes praying, he feels better. He walks into the kitchen where his mom is washing dishes. "What did you need, Spencer?"

Spencer sits down at the table and tells his mom about the boys at school. Then he shares how he prayed for help. Spencer is glad that Jesus loves him, listens to him and wants to be his friend any time, all the time

#### Ask

- In Mark 10:14 Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me." Who is Jesus talking about?
- Do you think Jesus wants you to come to Him? Why?

#### Act

- Role play the story of Jesus and the children by giving each family member a different part — disciples, children, Jesus. Then talk about how each of the characters may have felt. Pray together, thanking Jesus for His love.
- Talk with your child about love and acceptance. Ask if he knows someone who isn't accepted by others. Invite that child and his family for dinner to show love and acceptance as Jesus did.