Jesus is our loving friend. He is always near (Children's Songbook, 58).

VHO IS JESUS?

By Eliana Osborn (Based on a true story)

1. "Watch out! The allosaurus is going to get you!" roared Teddy as he chased Cole's dinosaur around the couch with his allosaurus.

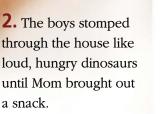
"No one can stop me. I'm a tyrannosaurus rex," Cole said, bouncing his dinosaur along the walls.

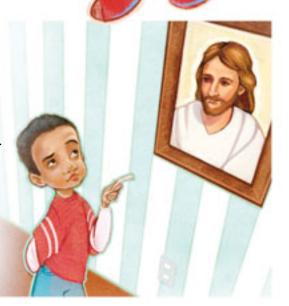
3. "Who's that on your wall?" Teddy asked, eating his string cheese.

"Jesus, of course," Cole said. "Who is Jesus?" Teddy asked. Cole didn't know what to say. He thought everyone knew about Jesus.

"He lives in heaven. And He loves all the people," was all he could think to answer.

"OK," Teddy said. "Do you want to go outside?"





4. Cole was kneeling by his bed that night getting ready to say his prayers when Dad came in.

"Did you have a good time with Teddy today?" Dad asked.

"Yes. We played in the sandbox and with dinosaurs. Dad, Teddy asked me who Jesus was, and I didn't know what to tell him." **5.** Dad pointed to a picture on the wall above Cole's bed. It was of Jesus surrounded by children. "What do you think about when you look at this painting?" Dad asked.



6. "I think about how I want to live with Jesus and Heavenly Father someday. And how Jesus treated people kindly when He was on the earth," Cole said. **7.** "It sounds like you could tell Teddy both of those things," Dad said.

"Maybe Teddy would like to come to church with me sometime," Cole said. "Then he could learn lots of things about Jesus. And it is fun too."



8. Dad kissed Cole on the top of his head. "You're a good boy, Cole. Heavenly Father and Jesus are both proud of you. And Teddy is lucky to have you for a friend." ◆

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