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CRAFT

Friend Postcards

SUPPLIES:

Postcards (4 per child), Stickers, Stampers, Crayons, Parent Note

What You DO and SAY:

- \Rightarrow Gather children at the table and pass out 4 postcards per child. Put the crayons, stamps, and stickers on the table.
 - "Friends, join me here at the table. When we first learned about Paul, he was not a friend of Jesus or Jesus' friends. But that all changed one day after Paul saw a bright light that caused his eyes to not see. Then Jesus spoke to him. Jesus sent a friend named Ananias to help Paul. Ananias was Paul's friend and helped Paul's eyes see again. Paul knew Jesus wanted to be his friend forever. So right away, Paul went to tell everyone and help people her, there and everywhere.
 - We can tell people here, there, and everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend, just like Paul in our Bible story today, by sending these postcards!"

\Rightarrow Have children decorate the postcard.

 "You each have four postcards to decorate. Let's use markers, stamps, and stickers to decorate both sides of the postcards to make them bright and colorful."

\Rightarrow Put them in children's bag with a parent note and explain what to do.

 "These look great! Let's put your postcards in the bag. Here is a special note to your parents to explain what these are. The note says to think of people you know in different places around the world or in your neighborhood to send these postcards to."

\Rightarrow Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus

- "We can tell people here, there, and everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever!
- Who wants to be your friend forever?
- Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

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ACTIVITY #1 Parachute

SUPPLIES:

heart and globe squishies

What You DO and SAY:

- \Rightarrow Gather children around the parachute and have them each take a handle.
 - "Let's have some fun with the parachute! Everybody grab a handle. I have some fun squishies for us to play with. These hearts are to remind us that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever! These globes are to remind us that we can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere loving others like he does!"
- \Rightarrow Toss the squishies on the parachute. Have children make waves until they have all popped off.
 - "Are you ready? Ok ready, set, MOVE! Let's make little waves with our parachute. Now big ones! Can we pop them all off!
 - Now go get them and toss them back on!
 - Who wants to be your friend forever?
 - Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"
- \Rightarrow Play as long as children are interested, complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.
 - "That was fun! We can know with confidence that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We can follow him here there and everywhere because he is trustworthy! Friends, tell me..
 - Who wants to be your friend forever?
 - Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

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ACTIVITY #2

Ready, Set, Move Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES:

CD player, worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

\Rightarrow Gather children in the center of the room.

 "Friends! Join me over here. We are going to play a fun game of freeze dance. I want you to spread out. When the music plays, I want you to dance. When the music stops, I want you to freeze!

\Rightarrow Push play and encourage children to dance. Push pause and encourage children to freeze.

- "Alright everybody. Get your dance moves ready! READY, SET, MOVE!
- Now FREEZE!
- Nice work everybody! Who wants to be your friend forever?
- Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

\Rightarrow Repeat as long as children are interested.

\Rightarrow Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.

- "Great moves, everybody! We can move here there and everywhere as we follow Jesus because HE is worth following!
- Who wants to be your friend forever?
- Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 2

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

 \Rightarrow The Beginner's Bible

o A Changed Man, p. 488

ASK A QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said, 'Come follow me."

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.