

**June Week 3**  
Garden  
**Ready, Set, Move!**

*June 18*

# CRAFT

## Love Everyone

**SUPPLIES:** Heart Earth page, green and blue crayons, kids around the world stickers (cut into strips so each child gets 8)

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out the Heart Earth page and blue/green crayons.**

- *“Friends, today we heard a story about Jesus’ friend Peter. Jesus taught Peter how to love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone. Let’s make a picture to show Jesus’ love.*
- *Look at your paper. What do you see? A heart! It’s a heart-shaped world. What do hearts make us think of? Love! That’s right! Let’s use the crayons to color the earth blue and green.”*

⇒ **Sticker sheets should be cut into strips so that each child gets 8 different stickers. Add the stickers to the earth.**

- *“Look at these cute little stickers! These children represent kids from all over the world. Let’s add them all over your heart. It’s a great reminder to us that it doesn’t matter where you live, what you look like, or what language you speak – Jesus loves everyone, everywhere!*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Peter told his friends about Jesus. Peter told his family about Jesus! Peter told a man named Cornelius that Jesus is alive, that He loves everyone, and that He wants to be everyone’s friend forever. Cornelius was different from Peter, but that didn’t matter because Jesus wants to be friends with everyone. Cornelius was SO excited! He had all of his friends and family come hear the good news about Jesus, too! And they ALL became friends with Jesus! Jesus wants to be our friend forever, too!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *I Can Tell Everyone!*

**SUPPLIES:** people pictures, houses printed on multicolor paper

**SET-UP:** Tape the pictures of kids at eye level around the room. Then, cover each picture with a different color house using tape only at the top of the picture so it can be flipped up

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room. Show them that there are colorful houses taped up around the room.**

- *“Friends, look around the room. Do you notice anything on the walls? Different colored houses! I wonder who lives in those houses!”*
- *Today in our true Bible story Peter went to Cornelius’ house and told him that Jesus wanted to be his friend forever. Let’s go find out who lives in each of these houses and tell them about Jesus!”*

⇒ **Call out a color house and have the children find the house, “knock” on the door, and teach them about Jesus.**

- *“I am going to call out a color and I want you to find that house. When we all get there, we are going to knock on the door and see who is home.*
- *Ready, set, RED!*
- *Here we are at the red house! Knock, knock, knock! Let’s see who lives here! Oh, hello [little boy/little girl/mom/dad/grandma and grandpa/family]! Now all together we are going to say “Jesus wants to be your friend forever!” Ready? Go! “Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”*
- *Great job! Time to move on to the next house!*

⇒ **Play until you have visited each house, complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“That was fun! We can tell everyone, everywhere about Jesus!”*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #2**

## *Memory Verse Hop*

**SUPPLIES:** 3 Hula hoops, memory verse reward stickers (optional)

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room. Seat them on the floor. Place the hula hoops in a row, very close together so little legs can jump from one to the next. Demonstrate saying the memory verse and hopping.**
  - *“Friends, we are going to move our bodies as we practice our memory verse. Watch me! First I am going to say, “Jesus said...” and then you are going to jump in each hoop as you say a word like this: “COME – FOLLOW – ME!”*
  - *Are you ready to try?*
  
- ⇒ **Have each child take a turn jumping through the hoops. Have all kids say the memory verse with them. Optional: Give them a sticker after they have taken their turn.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Nice work, my friends!*
  - *Who wants to be your friend forever?*
  - *Jesus wants to be my friend forever!*

## June Week 2

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# READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 3

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

- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debbie Anderson

## 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.