

June Week 3
Backyard
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

Pass the Globe

SUPPLIES: Inflatable globe, CD player, worship music CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, let’s make a circle. Do you know what this is? It’s a globe. It shows the whole Earth. We live right here. (point to IL in the US)*
- *We are going to play a fun game to remind us that Jesus loves people all over the world! When the music starts I want you to pass the globe to the person next to you. We are going to keep passing the globe until the music stops. If you are holding the globe when the music stops you get to point to anywhere in the world – make sure you choose a green part because that’s where the land is!*
- *Are you ready? Pass the globe!”*

⇒ **Push play and have children start passing the globe. When you turn the music off, have one child point to anywhere on the globe.**

- *“Ok pick a spot on the globe – make sure it’s green because that’s where the land is. Now let me see what you chose. Great! Tell me, can we tell people in [place] about Jesus and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever? Yes, we sure can!*
- *Friends, **Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

⇒ **Continue to pass until each child has gotten to choose a place on the globe.**

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

- *“There are people who live close to us that we can tell about Jesus and there are people all the way across the globe that we can tell, too! I’m so glad that we can tell others about Jesus and that He wants to be our friend forever*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”***

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ACTIVITY #3

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!***

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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart by Jill Lord*

- When we know that Jesus wants to be our friend forever, we can treat everyone with such love and kindness! We can love like Jesus!

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who wants to be your friend forever?**
- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Jesus said, ‘Come follow me.’” Matthew 4:19**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Today we learned that Peter wanted to love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone. Let’s make a list of people we can love like Jesus! It can be anyone because Jesus loves everyone! When I say your name, **tell me one person you can love like Jesus.**

⇒ This is a great list! Let’s pray and ask God to help us love these people like Jesus loves them. **Let’s pray:** “

- *“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love everyone. Please help (name each child) and me love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone. Help [child’s name] love [name they listed] and [child’s name] love [name they listed] and ... (continue with each child and the person they named). We want everyone to hear the good news that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*