

June Week 1
Backyard
Ready, Set, Move!

June 4

CRAFT

Memory Verse Road

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse road pieces, clear tape, yellow crayons, car stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out the road pieces and yellow crayons.**

- *“Friends, all summer long we are going to be following Jesus here, there, and everywhere because Jesus is worth following!”*
- *Do you see these pieces? They look like a road! It has our memory verse on it! It says, “Jesus said, ‘Come follow me.’” Matthew 4:19.*
- *Let’s color the stripes on the road yellow!”*

⇒ **Pass out the car stickers.**

- *“Look at these! Car stickers! Let’s put the car stickers on the road. Try not to cover the words!”*

⇒ **Use clear tape to tape the pieces together in order.**

- *“Now I’m going to help you tape the pieces of your road together in order.”*

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

- *“These look awesome, everybody! Nice work! When you get home you can even use toy cars to drive on the road and say your memory verse. Let’s say it all together one more time.*
- *“Jesus said, ‘Come follow me.’” Matthew 4:19*
- *Great job!*
- ***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:

⇒ **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!”*

⇒ **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!”***

⇒ **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:

⇒ **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!”*

⇒ **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!***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **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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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Follow the Leader

SUPPLIES: Reward stickers (*optional*)

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways! Because we are talking about following Jesus, we are going to play a game of follow the leader! Can you make a line behind me so you can follow me?”*

- ⇒ **Be the leader. Say the memory verse and then have children follow you around the room doing a different action. Let children take turns being the leader.**
 - *“Jesus said, “Come follow me.” Now follow me and let’s....*
 - *Hop like a bunny*
 - *March*
 - *Tiptoe*
 - *Bear walk*
 - *Crab walk*
 - *Crawl*
 - *Walk in slow motion*
 - *Speed walk*
 - *Pat our head*
 - *Rub our belly*
 - *Etc.*

- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn to say the memory verse and be the leader. Optional: give them a sticker for their turn being the leader.**

- ⇒ **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 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *A Changed Man*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 488

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 are going to make a list of our friends. When I say your name I want you to **tell me the name of one of your friends.**”

⇒ This is a great list. And do you know what? I know someone else who is your friend. J-E-S-U-S. Jesus! I added Jesus because he wants to be your friend forever. **Let's pray:** “

- *“Dear God, thank You for giving us so many wonderful friends. Thank You for (read the list the children made). And most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best friend we will ever have! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”*