

June Week 4
Backyard
Ready, Set, Move!

June 25

CRAFT

Day and Night

- SUPPLIES:** paper plate, Peter, metal brad, yellow and black crayons, sun and stars stickers
- PREP:** Fold each paper plate in half to create a line down the middle for kids to follow when coloring

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out paper plates, pre-folded. Give children a yellow crayon. Direct them to color one half of the plate. Use an example to show them or model it as you do it. Then give each child a black crayon and have them color the other half.**
- *“Today, we heard that Jesus was with Peter all the time and Jesus is with us all the time, too. Jesus is our friend forever!”*
 - *Everyone has a paper plate that has been folded down the middle. We are going to start by coloring one side of the plate yellow for daytime. Nice job!*
 - *Here is a black crayon. Now let’s color the other half of the plate black to represent nighttime.”*
- ⇒ **Pass out a sun sticker for the daytime side and stars stickers for the nighttime side.**
- *“Look at this sticker. What is it? That’s right! It’s a sun. Which side do you think this goes on? Daytime! Let’s place it on the daytime side.*
 - *Look at these stickers. What are they? Stars! Let’s put these on the nighttime side. Great job, everybody!”*
- ⇒ **Pass out Peter cut out. Help children attach with a metal brad to the center of the plate. Model how Peter can move from Day to Night.**
- *“This is Peter. Let’s attach Peter to the plate. We can move Peter from daytime to nighttime and nighttime to daytime. Jesus was with Peter in the daytime when he was telling everyone about Jesus and when King Herod’s soldiers took him to jail. Move Peter to nighttime. Jesus was with Peter when he was sleeping in jail and the angel appeared and led him safely to the outside. Then Peter went to his friend’s house and told them all about it. Jesus was with Peter the whole time!*
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *Jesus was always with Peter, and Jesus is always with you, too!*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Roll and Repeat

SUPPLIES: Roll and Repeat Story Cube

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends! Come sit in a circle with me. Let’s play a game! I have a cool story cube here. Today we learned that Jesus was always with Peter – even when he was in prison. We are going to each take a turn rolling the cube until we get to the next part of our story. If it rolls on a heart or smiley face we will do what it says. Are you ready to try it?”*

⇒ **Guide children through rolling the cube until it lands on the next correct picture in the story.**

- *“Alright you can go first. We need to find the picture of Peter in jail. We will pass the cube around the circle until we land on the picture of Peter in jail. We got it! Now what does it say? ‘Make a sad face.’ Everyone, let’s make a sad face. Those are the saddest faces I’ve ever seen! Our Bible story began with Peter telling everyone that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. King Herod did not like what Peter was saying, so he sent soldiers to through Peter in jail!”*
- *Now we need to roll the cube until we can get to the next part of our story. We are looking for a picture of people praying. Let’s roll till we get it! There it is! It says “Make praying hands.” Let’s all fold our hands like we are praying. Peter’s friends could have been worried, scared, sad, or mad that their friend was in jail. But what did they do? They prayed!*
- *Now let’s roll the cube until we get an angel. There it is! It says, “make a happy face.” Friends, show me your happiest face! Yay! While Peter was sleeping the Angel woke him up and said “Follow me!” Peter did what the angel said and followed him outside.*
- *Okay next we need to roll until we get the picture of Peter with his friends. Yes! It says “give a friend a high five.” Can you do that? Let’s all give a friend or two a high five! After the angel left Peter went right to his friend’s house and knocked on the door. Peter told his friends how an angel helped him and led him safely out. Jesus was with Peter the whole time!”*

⇒ **Complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“Thank you for helping me retell the story! Jesus was always with Peter and he’s always with you, too!”*
- **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 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ *Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You*, by Nancy Tillman
 - This book reminds me of our Bible story! There is nowhere we can go that Jesus' love can't find us. He is always with us!

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 Jesus is always with us. Let’s make a list of places we go. Then when we pray, we can thank Jesus for being with us in all of those places! When I say your name, **tell me one place you can go that Jesus is with you.**
- ⇒ This is a great list! Let’s pray and thank God for being with us in all of these places. **Let’s pray:** “
 - *Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus is always with us. Help us remember that Jesus is with us at (read the list the children made). You’re the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus’ name, amen.*”