

July Week 3
Garden
Ready, Set, Move!
July 16

CRAFT

Paul at Sea Coloring Page

SUPPLIES: Paul at Sea coloring page, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Coloring page and crayons.**

- *“Friends, today we are going to color a picture to help us remember our Bible story. Can you color while I retell the Bible story? Let’s start by coloring the boat and the people.*
- *One day when Paul was on a boat, there was a a really big storm. All the people on the boat were afraid except for Paul. Paul knew that God was going to take care of them. So, Paul chose to love like Jesus and encourage everyone on the boat to not be afraid. Can you color in the water?*
- *Then, suddenly, the boat hit some land and got stuck! Do you see this little bit of land here? Let’s color the land! Everyone was safe, just like Paul said. Their boat didn’t land where they were supposed to, but Paul loved like Jesus and helped people who were sick, prayed for them and told them that Jesus wants to be everyone’s friend forever – here, there, and everywhere!*

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

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

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ACTIVITY #1

Boat, Water, Island

SUPPLIES: Boat, Water, Island pictures, wall tape

SET-UP: Tape each of the pictures up on three different walls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room. Point out the pictures.**

- *“Join me over here in the center of the room. Let’s take a look around. I see three different pictures. Do you see the boat? How about the island? And what about the water? These are three different things from our true Bible story today.*
- *I am going to call out a picture and an action and I want you to go to that picture when I say Ready, Set, Move!”*

⇒ **Call out different pictures and actions. Review the Bible story at each location.**

- **BOAT:** *“First I want you to hop to the boat. Ready, set, move! Hop to the boat! Great job! When Paul was on a boat during the storm, he helped the people on the boat not to be afraid. He told them Jesus was their friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***
- **WATER:** *“Now let’s gallop to the water. Ready, set, move! Gallop to the water. Even when Paul was out in the middle of the water, he knew that God was with him and that Jesus wanted to be his friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***
- **ISLAND:** *“Can you find the island? Let’s all dance our way over to the island. Ready, set, move! Dance to the island! When their boat hit land, they weren’t where they were supposed to be. Paul chose to love like Jesus and helped the people who were sick. He prayed for them and told them that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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

- *Great job, friends! No matter where we go, Jesus is with us and 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 #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, blue scarves

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children circle up around the parachute and grab a handle. Toss the blue scarves on the parachute and make waves.**
 - *“Friends, today in our true Bible story Paul was sailing on a boat. While he was on the boat a BIG storm came! The storm got bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger!”*
 - *Can you help me make? Let’s start with little waves and see if we can make them bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger!”*
- ⇒ **Pop all of the scarves out. Tell the next part of the story.**
 - *“All of the people in the boat were very afraid, except Paul. Paul knew God would take care of them. He told them Jesus wanted to be their friend forever.*
 - ***Friends, who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***
- ⇒ **Play again. This time, have all of the children freeze when the boat hits land and tell the next part of the story.**
 - *“Let’s play again. Let’s make really big waves! But then. Boom! The boat hit land. Everybody freeze! Can you bring the parachute all the way down to the ground with me? The boat landed and the people were safe. Once the people were on the island, Paul chose to love like Jesus again. He healed people and told everyone that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***
- ⇒ **Repeat and play with parachute as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Jesus wants to be your friend forever and help you love like Him, too!*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JULY 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 is with Me*

- By Debby 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.