

July Week 5
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CRAFT

Party Hats

SUPPLIES: Party hats, Foam stickers, Jesus wants to be my friend forever – Heaven label

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children around the table and pass out a party hat to each child.**
 - *“Friends! We found out today in our true Bible story that Jesus is in heaven, right now, getting a place ready for all His friends! Hooray!”*
 - *It is going to be like a forever celebration when we are in heaven with Jesus so today we are making party hats!”*
- ⇒ **Spread out the stickers on the table and let children select stickers to decorate their party hat.**
 - *“Let’s decorate our party hats with all of these happy stickers!”*
 - *In heaven there are no boo-boos. Everyone can run and play and no one ever gets hurt. In heaven, no one gets sick – no runny noses, tummy aches, or earaches. Everyone is healthy in heaven! Hooray! In heaven, we will never be sad because sad things don’t happen in heaven. There will be nothing to worry about and no reason to ever be afraid! Hooray!*
- ⇒ **Pass out Jesus wants to be my friend forever label to add to party hat.**
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“In heaven, we will have everything we need. We will be happy all the time forever. It will be like a party that never ends. Let’s all shout Hooray! ‘Hooray!’ I’m so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and wants everyone to know that He wants to be their friend forever, too.*
 - **Who wants to be your friend forever?**
 - **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Thumbs-up!

SUPPLIES: Thumbs-Up/Thumbs-Down/Jesus pages, Basket with items: squishy heart, party horn, smiley face, band-aid, medicine cup, sad face

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children on the floor or at the table together to explain the game. Show them the thumbs-up and thumbs-down pages.**

- *“Friends! Today our Bible story was about a very special place called heaven. We are going to play a game to see what we remember about heaven.*
- *This is a thumbs-up sign. Can you make a thumbs-up sign with me? Great job! This is a thumbs-down sign. Can you make a thumbs-down with me? Nice work everybody.*
- *When I pull something out of my basket, I want you to give me a big thumbs-up if it’s going to be in heaven. Let’s practice. (Hold up the thumbs-up sign.) Thumbs up! And if I show you something that won’t be in heaven, I want you to show me a thumbs-down. Let’s practice. (Hold up the thumbs-up sign.) Thumbs down.*

⇒ **Hold up one item at a time and determine thumbs-up or thumbs-down.**

- *“Ok are you ready to play? Get those thumbs ready! What is this? Do you think it will be in heaven?”*
 - **Thumbs up:**
 - Heart – everyone will love each other in heaven.
 - Smiley face – everyone will be happy in heaven.
 - Party horn – everyone will celebrate because we’ll be with God forever in heaven.
 - Jesus – Jesus will be our friend forever in heaven.
 - **Thumbs down:**
 - Bandaid – There will be NO boo-boos in heaven.
 - Medicine cup – There will be NO sick people in heaven.
 - Sad face – There will be NO sadness in heaven
 - Angry face – There will be NO anger in heaven.

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

- *Jesus is getting a place ready in heaven for everyone who loves Him and is His friend. Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Praise and Worship Party

SUPPLIES: Instruments, streamers, CD Player, Worship music CD

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, join me over here in the center of the room. Today in our true Bible story we learned that Jesus is in heaven preparing a place for us! And in heaven we are going to be happy ALL the time because there are no boo-boos, no sadness, no fighting – we will have everything we need. And the best part of all is that we will be with Jesus FOREVER! That’s great news! That news makes me want to celebrate. Let’s have a praise party!*

⇒ **Turn on the music. Let kids choose instruments or pieces of streamers.**

- *“Let’s dance and celebrate that we get to be in heaven with Jesus forever!*
- *Friends, **Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

⇒ ****OPTION: Turn this into a game of freeze dance!**

⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested!**

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

- *“Jesus is in heaven right now, getting it ready for all His friends. Isn’t that amazing? I’m so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever!*
- ***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 5

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

- ⇒ *Let's Talk about Heaven*
 - 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.