

March Week 3

**Garden
Go Team**

March 17

CRAFT WEEK 3

My Friend Forever

SUPPLIES:

My friend forever frame, mirror board paper, stickers, stamps, crayons, glue stick

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the friend forever frame and the mirror paper. Help children attach the mirror with a glue stick.**
 - *"I'm so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let's do the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. 'I (point up) have called you (two fingers on top of two fingers) friends,' (hook index fingers twice) John 15:15. (Open hands like a book.) Great job!"*
 - *I have a frame that we are going to decorate today, but first we need to attach something extra special to it. Look! It's a mirror. Can you see yourself in it? Let's use a little glue on the back to attach it right to the center of our frame. Nice job!"*
- ⇒ **Use crayons, stickers and stampers to decorate the frame.**
 - *"Look! Who is this on your paper? That's right! It's Jesus! Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Let's use crayons and stickers and stampers to decorate our frame. Make sure you don't cover up the mirror!"*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *"These look great, everybody! Look in your mirror and let's say our Memory Verse together. 'I have called you friends,' John 15:15. Great job!"*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Follow the Feet

SUPPLIES: 10 Cardstock Foot Prints, Floor Tape

SET UP: Create a pathway by taping down each footprint.

TIP: You can do this while kids are playing or have a helper stay behind during Large Group to do it!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children up for the activity.**

⇒ *“Friends! Does anyone notice something interesting on our floor? It looks like a path to me! Let’s line up!”*

⇒ **Line the class up at the start of the footpath.**

⇒ *“Let’s walk along this path right on the footprints! Remember, follow behind the person in front of you!”*

⇒ **Lead the children walking through the footpath. Gather them in a group at the end of the path.**

⇒ *“Boys and Girls, I have an important question for you. When I say ‘Who wants to be your friend forever?’ you say ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’ Ready, let’s try it!”*

⇒ **Bring children back to the start of the path. Repeat in different ways for as long as children are interested: tiptoe, stomp, skip, hop, march, crawl, elephant steps, gallop, etc.**

Each time, ask children:

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

⇒ **Complete activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

⇒ *“We heard about feet in our story today! Jesus was such a good friend that he washed his friends’ feet to show them how much he loved them. He loves us and 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 #2

Fill the Water Jars

SUPPLIES: Laundry Basket “water jars”, Blue bean bags/balls, floor tape

SET UP: Place the “water jar” on one end of the room. Tape a line off a few feet away from the well for children to stand behind.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Guide children to stand in a single file line.**

⇒ *“We have a big bucket of water here in our room! Let’s work together to try to toss beanbags/balls into the water jar! We are going to work together as a team to fill it up!”*

⇒ **Let each child take a turn tossing the beanbag/ball into the water jar. You can encourage them by saying things like:**

⇒ *“You are waiting so patiently! What a good friend!”*

⇒ *“Let’s all cheer our friends on!”*

⇒ *“What good friends you all are!”*

⇒ *“Go Team!”*

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

⇒ *“You did a great job working together as a team to fill our bucket up with water. Jesus used the water in our true bible story today to wash his friends’ feet. He was such a good friend! He loved his friends and he loves us the same way. He wants to be our friend forever!”*

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

*Option: If tossing is too hard for 2s, you can have them walk over and place it in the bucket!

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY
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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 STORY

- *Beginner's Bible: Jesus' Last Supper*, p. 419-421
- *Jesus Loves Me* by Debby Anderson
- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debby Anderson

ASK A QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I have called you friends." John 15:15

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.