

March Week 3

Backyard
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March 17

CRAFT WEEK 3

My Friend Forever

SUPPLIES:

My friend forever frame, mirrorboard paper, stickers, stamps, crayons, gluestick

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 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!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Wash These Feet

SUPPLIES:

"Trace These Feet" pages in clear plastic sleeves, dry erase markers, paper towels

SET UP:

Place one sleeve one dry erase marker, and one paper towel at each child's spot.

TIP: Give children a DRY paper towel to wipe the feet clean, not a wet wipe. If they use the wet wipe and then a marker the marker will be ruined.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **This can be done at a table station or in the center of the room while children lay on their bellies. While holding a sheet, demonstrate the first time through as you introduce the activity.**

⇒ *"Can anyone tell me what you see on this page? That's right! Feet! Jesus washed his friend's feet. He was a great friend. Let's trace the dotted lines to make the feet."*

⇒ **Give children a moment to trace the lines and then go on:**

⇒ *"Now we are going to make those feet so dirty! When Jesus and his friends walked around in sandals they had stinky, yucky feet! Let's mess them up!"*

⇒ **Demonstrate making muddy feet. Give children a moment to do the same.**

⇒ *"Would you want to wash someone's stinky, dirty feet? I sure wouldn't! But that's who Jesus was! He was a good friend!"*

⇒ **Show the children the paper towel.**

⇒ *"Now it is time to clean up these feet! Can you wash your feet clean?"*

⇒ **Repeat the activity as many times as they are interested and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

⇒ *"Wow! Jesus is such a good friend! He loved his friends so much that he washed their yucky feet. And he loves you that much too! 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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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY MARCH WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *God's Story for Me: Jesus' Last Supper, p. 419-421*

⇒ *That's What a Friend Is* by P.K. Hallinan

- Read the story and then say: Wow! I loved reading about ways to be a good friend! Do you know who wants to be our friend forever? Jesus!

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

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Jesus was a good friend when he washed his friend's feet. Let's think of some ways we can be good friends! **I want each person to tell me one way that we can be a good friend** and then I will write it on the board.

- *Write their names down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Wow these are such good ideas! Let's pray!

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- "Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus to be our friend. He is such a good, good friend! Help us to be good friends like Jesus by *[read the list of kids' answers]*. We want to love people and be a good friend to them no matter what. We love you, God! In Jesus' name, Amen!