

April Week 2

**Backyard
SHINE**

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Important Job

SUPPLIES: World cut-out, person cut-out, crayons, metal brad, googly eyes, yarn, glue stick

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the person and crayons. Help kids add yarn hair and googly eyes.**
 - *"Friends, come sit at the table with me. Let's make a craft to help us remember today's Bible Story.*
 - *"Jesus gave His friends, the disciples, a very important job to do. Jesus wanted them to go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Decorate the person cutout to look like you!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out the world. Color. Attach person underneath with a metal brad.**
 - *"Amazing! Now look at the dots on the world. Where you see green dots, color green. Where you see blue dots, color blue.*
 - *Great job coloring the world! Now let's add you to the world so YOU can go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever!"*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"In our Bible Story today, Jesus gave His friends, the disciples, an important job to do. Jesus told His friends to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Jesus told them to GO and TELL.*
 - *And we can do that important job, too, because we can do what Jesus says.*
 - ***Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says."***



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ACTIVITY #1

Go and Tell!

SUPPLIES: Places pictures, wall tape

SET-UP: Hang pictures around the room at eye level

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room. Draw their attention to the pictures hung around the room.**
- *“Friends, come join me in the center of the room! Today in our Bible Story, Jesus told his friends, the disciples, to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! We can do that, too!”*
 - *Take a look around the room with me. Do you see those pictures on the wall? Let’s take a walk and look at each picture.*
 - *This is a playground. This is a grocery store. This is....(continue naming each place). Now let’s come back to the center of the room together.”*
- ⇒ **Give children a direction to ‘go and tell’ at each location. Have the safely run to that picture.**
- *“We’re going to play a game with all the places we just walked to. If I say, ‘Go and tell at the playground,’ run to the playground picture and say, ‘Jesus wants to be your friend forever.’ Then come back to the carpet circle. Got it? Let’s make sure we use safe feet and bodies when you run. Are you ready? Let’s play!*
 - *Go and tell at the playground! (grocery store/school/library)*
 - *JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND FOREVER!*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
- *“Jesus told His friends, the disciples, to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! We can do that, too, because we can do what Jesus says! Right? Right! So tell me: **Who can do what Jesus says?**
I can do what Jesus says!”*

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ACTIVITY #2

Pass the Flashlight

SUPPLIES: Flashlight, CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we heard about how we can shine the light of Jesus! We can let our light shine!"*
- *We are going to play a fun game to help us remember that we can do what Jesus tells us to do! We are going to play pass the flashlight. When the music plays, we are going to pass the flashlight around the circle. When the music stops, if you are holding the flashlight, I want you to turn it on and let it shine! Then I will ask you our important question –*
- ***Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!"***

⇒ **Play music and pass the flashlight around. Pause music. Have the child holding the flashlight turn it on and answer the question.**

- *"Alright turn your flashlight on! Can you answer my question?"*
 - ***Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!"***

OPTION: If you are in a classroom with windows, you could turn the lights off to let the flashlight shine brighter. I would not recommend this if you are in an interior classroom with no windows as it could be very dark for little ones!

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we learned that we can do what Jesus says and shine Jesus' light! We can tell others that Jesus is alive and that Jesus wants to be their friend forever!"*
- ***Who can do what Jesus says?***
- ***I can do what Jesus says!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together. ‘Let your light shine.’ Matthew 5:16*
 - *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can do what Jesus says?***
 - ***I can do what Jesus says!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY APRIL WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Goes to Heaven, p. 466*

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who can do what Jesus says?***
 - ***I can do what Jesus says!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - ***"Let your light shine."***
Matthew 5:16

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today, we're going to make a list of people we can go and tell about Jesus. When I say your name, **tell me the name of one person**, and I will write it down.
 - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Wow! Look at all these people! Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, You are the BEST! Thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us to go and tell (read the list the children made) that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We want to do what Jesus says and shine our light! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*