

January Week 3

3-K

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# CRAFT WEEK 3

## *Sticker Story*

### **SUPPLIES:**

Story page, Disciples sticker, Jesus sticker, Mary & Martha sticker, crayons

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Give each child a story page and each of the 3 story stickers.**

- *"Friends, come sit at the table. Who wants to make a sticker story? First, you'll need a story page. Now, look for three blank spaces on your story page. I have story stickers for you to put in those spaces. Are you ready to make your sticker story? Here we go!"*

⇒ **Guide the children to put the story stickers on their story page as you tell the story. Then Invite children to color the rest of the page.**

- *"Our Bible Story was about two sisters named Mary and Martha. (Hold up sticker.) This Mary and Martha sticker is shaped like a circle. Look for the blank space on your story page that is shaped like a circle and put the Mary and Martha sticker on it. (Help as needed.)"*
- *"Mary and Martha were sad because their brother Lazarus had died. Jesus heard what happened and took the disciples with Him to see Mary and Martha. Look for the blank space on your story page that is shaped like a big rectangle and put the disciples sticker on it. (Help as needed.)"*
- *"When Jesus saw how sad Mary and Martha were, He cried too. This Jesus sticker is shaped like a tall rectangle. Look for the blank space on your story page that is shaped like a tall rectangle and put the Jesus sticker on it. (Help as needed.) You did it! You made your sticker story! Now you can color the rest of your story page."*

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

- *"Jesus was a good friend to Mary and Martha when they were sad. Jesus will be a good friend to you when you are sad because **Jesus is always a good friend.**"*
- *"Who is always a good friend?"*
- *"Jesus is always a good friend!"*

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Emotion Overload*

<b><u>SUPPLIES:</u></b>	Emotions pictures (1 set per service), painters tape, heart stickers (4 per kid)
<b><u>SET-UP:</u></b>	Tape the emotions pictures around the room. Use a new set each service.

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather the children and give each child 4 heart stickers.**
  - *“Friends, come with me as we walk around the room and look for the pictures on the walls. Everybody gets some stickers that we’ll use as we go!”*
- ⇒ **Walk around to the different pictures and invite the children to put their heart stickers on the pictures.**
  - *“Look around the room, Can you find the sad face? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! Tell me: Does Jesus love us when we’re sad? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loves us when we’re sad because Jesus is always a good friend. Add a heart to this picture.*
  - *“Can you find the smiley face? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! Tell me: Does Jesus love us when we’re happy? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loves us when we’re happy because Jesus is always a good friend. Add a heart to this picture.*
  - *“Can you find the afraid face? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! Tell me: Does Jesus love us when we’re afraid? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loves us when we’re afraid because Jesus is always a good friend. Add a heart to this picture.*
  - *“Can you find the excited face? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! Tell me: Does Jesus love us when we’re excited? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus loves us when we’re excited because Jesus is always a good friend. Add a heart to this picture.”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Friends, Jesus cares about you and He will be a good friend when you feel sad, when you feel happy, when you feel excited, and even when you feel afraid. Jesus is always a good friend.*
  - ***Who is always a good friend?***
  - ***Jesus is always a good friend!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Freeze Dance*

**SUPPLIES:** CD Player, EC Worship CD

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
  - *“Friends, we know that Jesus is always a good friend. He’s a good friend when we’re afraid, when we’re excited, when we’re sad, and when we’re happy. You know what I like to do when I’m happy? Dance! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!”*
  - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!”*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
  - *“FREEZE!”*
  - ***Who is always a good friend?***
  - ***Jesus is always a good friend!***
  - *Let’s dance!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then bring it back to the bottom line.**
  - *“Great dancing, everyone!”*
  - ***Who is always a good friend?***
  - ***Jesus is always a good friend!”***

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:** Heart stress ball, CD Player, EC Worship CD

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

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

- *"Friends, come sit in a circle with me. Let's say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. Ready? 'A friend (hook index fingers twice) loves you (cross arms over chest) all the time,' (tap wrist) Proverbs 17:17. (Open hands like a book.) Great job! I've got a heart here to remind us of our verse. We are going to play some music and pass the heart around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the heart will say our memory verse!"*


⇒ **Play music and pass the heart around. Pause music. Have the child holding the heart say the memory verse.**

- *"It's your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!"*
  - *"A friend loves you all the time."*  
*Proverbs 17:17*

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

⇒ **Bring it Back to the bottom line.**

- *"Great job, friends!"*
- ***Who is always a good friend?***
- ***Jesus is always a good friend!"***



Please keep  
the stress  
hearts  
for week 4

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JANUARY WEEK 3

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

- *How Much Does God Love You?* By Michelle Medlock Adams

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***Who is always a good friend?***
  - ***Jesus is always a good friend!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - ***“A friend loves you all the time.” Proverbs 17:17***

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ “Today we’re going to make a list of things that make us feel sad. It’s not fun to think about what makes us sad, but it’s good to remember that Jesus is a good friend when we’re sad. So, when I say your name, tell me **one thing that makes you feel sad**, and I will write it down.
  - *Write each child’s name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let’s use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *“Dear God, sometimes we feel sad when things like (read the list the children made) happen. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend when we’re sad. Knowing that Jesus loves us all the time is the best feeling! We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*