

January Week 1

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CRAFT WEEK 1

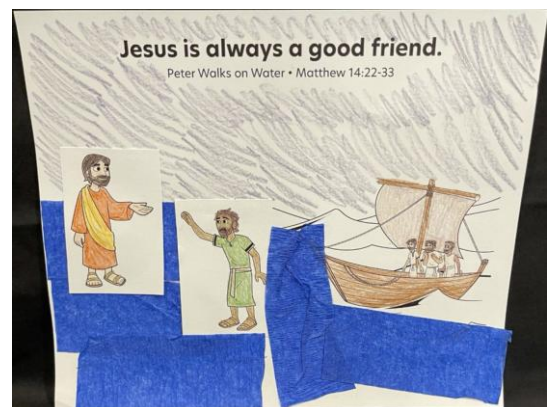
Jesus Helps Peter

SUPPLIES:

Story page, Peter & Jesus cutouts, blue streamer/tissue paper pieces, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page, a couple blue streamer/tissue paper pieces, and a glue stick. Invite the kids to glue the blue pieces over the water in the picture.**
 - *"Friends, come sit at the table. We're going to make a craft to remember our story. Today in our true Bible Story Jesus was walking on the water and Peter did too! But when Peter was afraid, he started to sink, and Jesus helped him because Jesus was Peter's friend. Instead of coloring the water in our picture, let's glue some blue pieces to our page to make the water!"*
- ⇒ **Give each child a Peter and Jesus cutout. Invite them to color the cutouts before gluing them so they are walking on the water.**
 - *"Now we can add Jesus and Peter! Let's color them and then you can glue them on the picture. Let's put Peter in the water so we can remember that Peter sunk into the water when he was afraid, and Jesus helped him because Jesus was Peter's friend!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Today in our story, we heard about a time when God told Peter and the other disciples to go out on a boat. That night, they saw something in the water, and they were afraid. It was Jesus! Jesus was walking on the water to Peter and the disciples. Jesus told them not to be afraid. But when Peter saw that it was Jesus, he said: 'If it's really You, Jesus, call me out on the water!' So, Jesus said, 'Come!' And Peter did. Peter was walking on the water too! But then he heard the wind, and saw the waves were big, and Peter became so afraid. His feet started to sink down into the water. But Jesus helped Peter and was a good friend when Peter felt afraid. Jesus will be a good friend to you and me too, 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

Stormy Walk

SUPPLIES: Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children gather around a parachute.**
 - *“Friends, come join me around the parachute. Today we are going to pretend the parachute is water and act out some of our story.”*
- ⇒ **Instruct the children to make waves and a storm with the parachute. Set the parachute down and invite the kids to walk on the parachute like Peter walked on the water.**
 - *“Let’s pick the parachute up and shake it really slowly up and down. (Pause.) Now let’s shake it faster and faster. Wow! We made a storm! Now let’s lay it down on the floor. (Pause.) Let’s pretend to be Peter from our story and walk on the water to Jesus. (Pause.) Great job! Let’s play again! (Repeat as desired.) That was fun pretending to be Peter.”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus was a good friend when Peter felt afraid, and Jesus will be a good friend to you and me too, because **Jesus is always a good friend!***
 - ***Who is always a good friend?***
 - ***Jesus is always a good friend!”***

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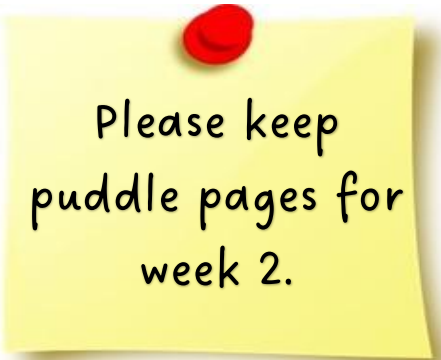
ACTIVITY #2

Puddle Jumping

SUPPLIES: Puddle pages

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Spread puddle pages on the floor for children to jump from puddle to puddle.**
 - *“Friends, look at the floor! It’s full of puddles with different emotions. Let’s jump to all these fun puddles.”*
- ⇒ **Invite children to careful jump from puddle to puddle. Have children stop and display the emotion they are standing on. Repeating the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Come line up over here! We are going to jump from puddle to puddle. Are we ready? Let’s get jumping! Okay friends, keep jumping! Keep going! Now . . . FREEZE! Oh wow, some of you are feeling happy, some of you are feeling sad—oh, someone else is feeling silly—but Jesus is always a good friend no matter how you feel! Let’s go again, friends! Go! Woo-hoo! Keep jumping! Now . . . FREEZE! (Pause.) Oh friends, can you make the same face as the emotion puddle you’re standing on? (Pause.) Oh, good job, friends! No matter what you feel, **Jesus is always a good friend!**” (Repeat as desired.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - “Friends, jumping from puddle to puddle was so much fun! Those puddles help remind us that no matter how we are feeling, Jesus is always a good friend—no matter what.
 - **Who is always a good friend?**
 - **Jesus is always a good friend!”**



Please keep
puddle pages for
week 2.

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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. ‘A friend loves you all the time. Proverbs 17:17.*
 - *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 is always a good friend?*
 - *Jesus is always a good friend!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JANUARY WEEK 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did* by Mindy MacDonald

**for short attention spans, you may want to skip the left pages and only read the right pages*

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 learned that Jesus was a friend to Peter even when he was afraid. I love knowing that Jesus is always a good friend, because that means Jesus is a good friend when I am afraid. I’m going to make a list of Jesus’ friends. Can you guess who I’m going to write? **I’m going to write your names!**

- *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, thank You for sending Jesus to be a friend forever to (read the list of children’s names). Thank You that Jesus is a good friend when we are afraid. Help us remember that Jesus loves us all the time. You’re the best, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*