

April Week 1
3-K
Happy Day
April 5-6

CRAFT WEEK 1

Perfume in a Bottle

SUPPLIES: Perfume bottle cutout, herbal tea bags, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a perfume bottle cutout and invite them to color both sides.**
 - *"Friends, come sit with me. I have a good-smelling activity for us to do today that will help us remember today's Bible Story. This is a perfume bottle. Can you use the crayons to color both sides? (Point.) Then we'll get to the good smelling part."*
- ⇒ **Invite a few children at a time to choose a tea bag. Hand out glue sticks and encourage the children to glue to tea bag to the inside of the folded perfume bottle and glue around the edges of the paper. Then fold the paper and stick the edges together.**
 - *"Now for the good smelling part. (Hold up a teabag.) These are teabags. Smell them and pick your favorite. (Pause.) Great! Let's glue the teabag to your paper. (Pause.) Now run your glue stick around the edges like this. (Demonstrate and pause.) I'll help you close it up, and you can press all the edges together. Do you smell the good smells? (Pause.) It smells really nice."*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"I wonder if this is what Mary's perfume from our Bible Story smelled like. She loved Jesus so much and wanted to show Him. So Mary poured some really expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and then did something very special with her hair. Do you remember? (Pause.) That's right, she wiped Jesus' feet with her hair. Jesus knew Mary was doing something VERY special for Him. This was such a happy day for Mary! Because Mary got to be with Jesus and show Jesus that she loved Him. And soon, there would be another happy day—a happy day on Easter when we celebrate that **Jesus is alive!**"*
 - **"Who is alive?"**
 - **"Jesus is alive!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

For Jesus

SUPPLIES: Large Jesus picture, heart cutouts, crayons/markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a heart cutout and crayons.**
 - *“Friends! Now I’m going to give you each a heart cutout for our next activity.”*
- ⇒ **Show the children the Jesus picture and invite them to brainstorm ways to show Jesus love and draw them on their hearts. Set the hearts on the Jesus picture.**
 - *“Who do you see? (Pause.) Jesus! Yes. Every day can be a happy day because Jesus is alive! What could we give to Jesus to show our love for Him? (Pause.) Draw something on your heart that you could give to Jesus to show your love. Would you give Jesus a hug? Would you make him a card? Would you give Jesus your favorite toy? (Pause.) Great drawings! Now put your heart pictures next to Jesus. (Pause.) Wow! Look at all these ways we can show Jesus how much we love Him!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus wants to be our friend forever so we can show how much we love Him in lots of different ways like . . . (Read/describe the pictures in the drawings.) Mary showed how much she loved Jesus by pouring perfume on His feet in today’s story. It was a happy day because **Jesus is alive!**”*
 - **Who is alive?**
 - **Jesus is alive!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Friend to Friend

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children to get ready to play the game.**
 - *"Friends, come stand here with me. We're going to play a game!"*

- ⇒ **Cue children to find a partner and give them a direction of a body part they should match up. Then invite the children to tell the Bottom Line to their partner. Repeat as interest allows.**
 - *"When I say, 'friend to friend,' I want you to find a friend and stand next to them. Ready? Friend to friend! (Pause.)"*
 - *"Now with your friend, listen to the instructions I give you. Knee to knee! Put your knee together with your friend's knee. (Pause.) Great job!"*
 - *"Tell your friend, **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"*
 - *"Friend to friend! Find a different friend! (Pause.) Hand to hand! (Continue with different directives: elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand, back to back, toes to toes, hip to hip, cheek to cheek, etc., sharing the bottom line with each friend.) Great job friends!"*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Tell me, who is the BEST friend ever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! Who wants to be your friend forever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! **Jesus is alive** forever and will be your friend forever!"*
 - **Who is alive?**
 - **Jesus is alive!"**

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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. 'I am alive for ever and ever.' Revelation 1:18*
 - *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 alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!"***

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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Beginner's Bible p 423 "A Gift for Jesus"*

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"I am alive for ever and every." Revelation 1:8**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "It's a happy day because Jesus is alive. There are so many things that make us feel happy. Let's make a list of what makes us happy, so when I say your name, tell me **one thing that makes you happy.**"
 - *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 happy things, like (read the list the children made). And we want to say a special thank You for what makes every day a happy day. Thank You that **Jesus is alive** and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*