

July Week 2

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# CRAFT WEEK 2

## *Praying Hands*

### SUPPLIES:

Praying hands cutouts, pre-hole punched paper, metal brads (2), crayons

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a paper and crayons and invite them to draw pictures of people they can pray for.**
  - *“Come join me at the table. Today we learned that praying for each other is one way to do what Jesus says. Today you are going to draw a picture of people you want to pray for. So, think about who you want to pray for, and draw pictures of them.”*
- ⇒ **While the children color, attach a set of praying hands to each child’s paper with metal brads.**
  - *“While you color your pictures, we’re going to bring around sets of praying hands. We’ll attach them to your picture like this (hold up an example) and that way you can close them and see praying hands and open them to see what you’re praying for!”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Today we heard a story about Jesus and His friends, the disciples. The disciples followed Jesus everywhere He went, and Jesus showed them how to love like Him. One day, after Jesus was done teaching His disciples, He did something very special. Jesus talked to God and prayed for His friends. Jesus asked God to protect them and to help them love like Him. Then Jesus prayed for you and me and for everyone who would follow Him. Jesus prayed that we would do what He says and love each other the way He loves us. One way we can love like Jesus is by praying for each other. We can pray for others and do what Jesus says.*
  - **“Who can do what Jesus says?”**
  - **“I can do what Jesus says!”**



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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Bag of Prayer*

**SUPPLIES:** Bag, disciple cards, blank note cards, pen

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **As children arrive, write their names on slips of paper for this activity!**

⇒ **Gather the children and show them the bag.**

- *“Hey friends, come sit with me! What do you see on this bag? (Point to hearts.) Yes, hearts! Hearts make us think of love. In today’s story we learned that Jesus loved His disciples by praying for them. Then Jesus loved us by praying for everyone who would follow Him and be His friend forever!”*

⇒ **Encourage the children to take turns pulling a paper from the bag and sorting them into two piles.**

- *“This bag is filled with slips of paper. Some of the papers have your names on them, and the others have a picture of one of Jesus’ friends, the disciples. Let’s take turns pulling a paper from the bag, and then we’re going to sort them into disciples and our names. [Child’s name], come pull one paper out of the love bag. (Pause.) You pulled a paper with a disciple on it! Jesus prayed for His disciples! Let’s put the disciples in a pile here. (Pause.) Great job! [Child’s name], your turn to pull a paper from the bag. (Pause.) You pulled a paper with a name on it! It says [child’s name]. Jesus prayed for [child’s name]! Let’s make another pile of all our names here. (Pause.) Super! (Continue until each child has a turn. Then pull out the remaining papers and ask children to help you place them in the right pile.) Great job, everyone. Look at all the people Jesus prayed for. Jesus prayed for His disciples, Jesus prayed for us, and Jesus prayed for everyone who would follow Him.”*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**

- *“Jesus prayed for us, and now Jesus wants us to pray for one another. Give me two thumbs up if you can do what Jesus says and pray for one another. (Hold two thumbs up as you look around.) Yay! You can do what Jesus says, and **I can do what Jesus says!**”*
- **Who can do what Jesus says?**
- **I can do what Jesus says!”**

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Jesus Says...*

**SUPPLIES:**      None

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

- ⇒ **Invite the children to come and spread out in the middle of the room.**
  - *“Friends, come over here and spread out! Stick your arms out and make sure you aren’t touching your neighbor. (Pause.) Have you ever played Simon Says? (Pause.) Today we’re going to play Jesus Says!”*
- ⇒ **Play Simon Says as Jesus says and review the Bottom Line.**
  - *“For this game, I’m going to be Jesus and I’m going to say ‘Jesus says..’ and tell you to do something like touch your toes. Let’s try it. ‘Jesus says, touch your toes.’ (Pause.) Great job! But if I don’t say ‘Jesus says...’ then you don’t do what I say. So if I say ‘clap your hands’ but I DON’T say ‘Jesus says...’ then anyone who claps their hands has to sit down. Are you ready to play?”*
  - *(Play as long as children are interested. Each time you pause for kids to sit down, ask:*
  - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
  - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
  - ***“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. 'Be kind and loving (cross arms over chest) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) 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 JULY WEEK 2

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

- *Pray to God* by Jennifer Hilton & Kristen McCurry

#### 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

- ***“Be kind and loving to each other.” Ephesians 4:22***

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Jesus wants us to pray for one another like He showed us to do. Let’s make a list of people we can pray for today, so when I say your name, tell me **one person you can pray for**.

- *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, it is so special knowing that Jesus loves us and prays for us. We want to love like Jesus and pray for one another, too. Today, we pray for [name on list] and [name on list] and (read all of the names the children listed). We pray that they will do what Jesus says and love like Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*