

April Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Breakfast with Jesus

SUPPLIES: Placemat page, crayons, stampers, stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a placemat page. Set out the crayons.**
 - *“Come and make a special placemat with me to help us remember today’s story!”*

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color the placemats and decorate with stickers and stampers.**
 - *“Jesus made a yummy breakfast for His friends. Let’s make a placemat that we could use to eat breakfast on! Can you color the plate on your paper? (Pause.) What else do you see? (Pause for responses.) A cup? (Pause.) A fork? (Pause.) Let’s color everything! (Pause.) I have stampers and stickers you can use to decorate your placemat, too! (Pause.) This placemat reminds us that Jesus loves His friends so much that He made breakfast on the beach for them. Jesus loves you so much and wants to be your friend forever!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Your placemats are beautiful! You can take them home to use for your breakfast. And every time you see it, you can remember that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***
 - **“Who wants to be your friend forever?”**
 - **“Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Act It Out

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite the children to sit on the carpet with you to act out the story.**
 - *“Come over and let’s act out our true story from the Bible.”*
- ⇒ **Retell the Bible Story by modeling for the children how to act out each part of the story.**
 - *“Let’s all get in a boat with the disciples! Sit down and rock side to side. (Pause.) Rock, rock, rock. (Pretend to rock.)*
 - *“Now look over there! Look at the beach! Put your hand over your eyes like this. (Demonstrate.) Who do you see? (Pause for responses.) It’s Jesus! Yay, it’s Jesus!*
 - *“Let’s swim to Jesus just like Peter! Move your arms! Swim, swim, swim! (Pretend to swim.) We made it!*
 - *“Now we are on the beach with Jesus. Let’s sit by the campfire with Jesus. (Pause.) Oh, it looks like the fish is ready. Let’s eat the yummy fish Jesus made us. Nibble, nibble, yum, yum, yum! That was the best breakfast ever!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus made breakfast for His friends so they would know He would be their friend forever and ever! Jesus loved His friends, and He loves us!*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Easter Egg Hunt

SUPPLIES: Easter Eggs, basket

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter and hide the eggs throughout the room.**

⇒ **Gather the children around the basket.**

- *“We are going to have an Easter egg hunt! I need you to find all of the eggs around the room and bring them back to the basket as quickly as you can. Just remember to use safe feet and hands when you are searching. Are you ready? On your mark, get set, GO!”*

⇒ **Let the children find all the eggs and bring them back to the basket.**

- *“Great work! Friends, **Who wants to be your friend forever?**”*
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***
- *I wonder if we can do it even faster this time. I am going to scatter the eggs and you are going to find them again!”*

⇒ **Repeat the activity until you have played it a total of 3 times and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job, everyone! That was so much fun! You worked together and gathered all the eggs! Did you notice how many times we played our game? That’s right, we collected all the eggs 3 times. One, two, three! What does the number three have to do with our lesson today?”*
- *That’s right, Jesus promised He would come back. And after **THREE** days, Jesus **DID** come back. Jesus kept His promise. He’s **ALIVE!** God sent Jesus to be my friend and **YOUR** friend forever!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *The Easter Story – Keep all month*

ASK A QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“I have called you friend.” John 15:15

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.