

April Week 3

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April 18-19

# CRAFT WEEK 3

## *Share the News*

### SUPPLIES:

Envelopes, heart stickers, verse stickers, parent note, crayons/markers

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an envelope and set out the markers and heart stickers.**
  - *“Jesus told His friends to go and tell everyone about Him. We can do that, too! Let’s make something special to help us share the good news.”*
  
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to decorate their envelopes and sticker hearts. Give each child a parent note and 3 verse stickers to put inside their envelope.**
  - *“First, let’s decorate this envelope. This will hold our good news! (Allow time to decorate.) Now, let’s put the good news inside. I have stickers of our Memory Verse! (Show stickers.) They say, ‘I have called you friends.’ Let’s put some inside your envelope. (Help children add stickers.)”*
  
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line. Encourage the children to share the stickers with friends this week.**
  - *“Now you can take this home and give these stickers to people you love, like your family or your friends! You can be just like Jesus’ friends and ‘go and tell’ everyone 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

## *Go to the World*

**SUPPLIES:** Inflatable globes

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children and invite them to sit in a circle.**
  - *“Let’s play a game called ‘Go to the World’! It’s all about sharing the good news that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. For this game, we need to sit in a circle.”*
  
- ⇒ **Pass the ball (toss or roll) to a child and encourage them to point to a spot on the globe. Review the bottom line and repeat until each child has had a turn.**
  - *“What does this ball look like? (Pause.) The world, that’s right! Jesus said we can share the good news that Jesus wants to be our friend forever with the whole world. I’m going to pass (or roll) the ball to [child’s name]. Okay, [child’s name], take your finger and point somewhere in the world. [child’s name] pointed to [location]. Can we tell people in [location] that Jesus wants to be their friend forever? (Pause.) Yes! Let’s pass the ball to our next friend. (Repeat until each child gets a turn.)*
  
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Jesus went on a mountain and told His friends a very important message. Jesus said to go everywhere and tell everyone that He loves them and wants to be their friend forever.*
  - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
  - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Friend, Friend, Forever*

**SUPPLIES:** None

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

⇒ **Invite the children to sit on the ground in a circle.**

- *“Let’s play a game! We’re going to play a special version of Duck, Duck, Goose.”*

⇒ **Lead the children in a game of duck, duck, goose while saying “friend, friend, forever” instead. Play as long as time and interest allows and encourage children to choose people so that everyone gets a chance to play.**

- *“Instead of saying ‘duck,’ we’re going to tap our friends and say, ‘Friend.’ And instead of ‘goose,’ we’ll say, ‘FOREVER!’ because Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Are you ready? (Choose a child to start.) Okay, walk around and tap your friends. ‘Friend ... friend ... FOREVER!’ Run! (Play for several rounds.)”*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“That was so much fun! Jesus is the best friend, and He wants to be our friend not just for a little while, but 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 3**

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.