

April Week 3

3-K

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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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ACTIVITY #3

Praise Party

SUPPLIES: Preschool Instruments

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an instrument to play while they dance.**
 - *“Friends! We are celebrating that Jesus is alive and **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** God sent Jesus because he loves us so much. That makes me want to party! Everybody grab an instrument and let’s have a Praise Party!*

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to make noise and praise Jesus. Pause them periodically and practice the memory verse.**
 - *“We’re going to make music and make a joyful noise to God with our instruments, but in order to play with our instruments, we need to practice following directions. When I put my hand up, I want you to shake your instruments, but when I put my hand down, we are all going to hold our instruments still so they don’t make any noise. Ready to practice? (Practice starting and stopping playing.)*
 - *“Great job! (Put your hand up.) Now, let’s play! (Put your hand down.) Freeze! Now let’s say our memory verse together: ‘I (point up) **have called you** (point to others) **friends,**’ (hook index fingers twice) **John 15:15.**” (Open hands like a book.)*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 466 "Jesus Goes to Heaven"

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"I have called you friend." John 15:15**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "In our Bible Story, Jesus told His friends to go everywhere and tell everyone about Him. Let's make a list of all the places we go! When I say your name, tell me **one place you like to go!**
 - *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 all of the places we get to go, like (read each place on the list), please help us remember to tell people about You everywhere we go! We are so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."*