

April Week 4

2s

Hip Hip Hooray

April 25-26

CRAFT WEEK 4

Hooray Hats

SUPPLIES: Party hats, Hooray Hat stickers, other stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a party hat and a Hooray Hat sticker.**
 - *“Let’s make a celebration hat! Because we are celebrating the best news ever that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Hip, hip, hooray!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to put their Hooray Hat sticker on their hat and decorate their hat with the other stickers.**
 - *“This sticker says ‘Hip, Hip, Hooray! Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’ Let’s put this sticker on our hat first. Now we can use the other stickers to decorate our hats!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Now you can wear your hat to celebrate! When anyone asks what you’re celebrating, you can tell them the happy news: **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** We can wear the hats and celebrate that Jesus is preparing a place for His friends in Heaven so we can be together forever. And we want to celebrate because Heaven is the most special place with no more boo-boos and no more sadness.*
 - **“Who wants to be your friend forever?”**
 - **“Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Happy News

SUPPLIES: Smiley face stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to spread out in an open area of the room.**
 - *“Knowing that Jesus is preparing a place for us in Heaven is the happiest news! Let’s play a game to share that happy news with all our friends!”*

- ⇒ **Hold on to all the sheets of smiley face stickers. Start a gentle game of tag with the leader being “it” and tagging the children by sticking a smiley face to them. When a child is tagged, give them a sheet of smiley face stickers and encourage them to “share the happy news” by tagging other children with the smiley faces. Encourage them to continue sharing by give more smiley faces until all the smiley faces have been handed out and kids have lots of stickers on them.**
 - *“I’m going to start with the happy news stickers. I’m going to chase you, and when I tag you, I’ll give you a sticker! That means you get to help me share the happy news, too! Ready, set, go! (Gently tag a child and give them a sticker.) You got the happy news! Now you can help me tag our other friends with these happy stickers! Let’s share the happy news with everyone!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Look at ALL the happy smiley faces! We’re all so happy because we know in heaven there will be no more sadness, no more boo-boos, no more tears. Heaven is the happiest place where we can be with Jesus forever! Because Jesus wants to be your friend forever and **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 #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
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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.