

April Week 4

3-K

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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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 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 504 "Jesus is Coming!"

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, we heard that Jesus is preparing the most special place for us, called heaven. Let's make a list of special places things. When I say your name, tell me **one special thing God made!**
 - *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 giving us special things like (read the things on the list) and thank You for the most special place, heaven! Thank you, God, that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and ever! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."*