

March Week 2

Put on Your Shoes

March 13

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES:

Shoe Charm (with hole pre-punched), crayons, markers, assorted stampers, metal binder ring

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Lay out art supplies on the table. Pass out shoe charms.**

- *“In today’s story we heard about a man named Matthew who was a tax collector. This made people mad, and no one wanted to be his friend. But Jesus wanted to be his friend. Jesus loved Matthew. Jesus asked Matthew to follow Him, and he did! Matthew became a disciple, one of Jesus’ good friends. Jesus wants to be friends with everyone!”*
- *Today we are going to make a charm for your shoe that you can wear and remember that we can all follow Jesus and be his friend!*
- *It says, “Come and follow me,” Jesus said.*
- *Let’s decorate!”*

⇒ **Help each child attach the charm to the ring and then to their shoe.**

- *“These look awesome! Let me help you attach it to your shoe. If you don’t have a shoe that has a spot to attach it we can put it in your bag and you can bring it home to another pair of shoes!”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Let’s try our memory verse one more time together. “Come and follow me,” Jesus said,’ Matthew 4:19. (Repeat.) Great job!”*
- *Your shoe charm can help you remember to follow Jesus.”*
- ***Who can be friends with Jesus?***
- ***Everyone can be friends with Jesus.”***

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STEP 2 Activity #1

Follow the Leader Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we learned about some people who followed Jesus. Everyone can be friends with Jesus – all they have to do is follow him!*
- *Today we are going to practice following directions. We are going to play a fun game of freeze dance and I am going to call out some directions for you to do while you are dancing. Are you ready? Let’s Dance”*

⇒ **Turn the music on. Call out dancing directions. Have a dance party!**

- *“Alright, let’s dance! Everybody clap your hands!*
- *Do the twist [jump up and down, spin around, etc]*
- *[Pause the music.] Wow, nice job friends! Let me ask you a question before we start dancing again: **Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!***

⇒ **Option: Have different children come up and take turns being the dance moves leader.**

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Nice job following the leader everybody! We can all follow Jesus because Jesus wants to be friends with everyone!*
- ***Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!***

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Step 2 Activity #2

Follow Me Line Up

SUPPLIES: Several Little People figurines, painters tape or floor tape

SET-UP: Tape a straight line on the floor or table, depending on where you are going to do the activity.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Place Little People figurines around the tape. Have children join you. Choose one figurine to be the “leader” and have the children help the others to follow the leader by placing them behind the leader on the tape line.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story we learned about how we can follow Jesus! Let’s practice following someone with our Little People figurines. First, we need to pick a leader! Let’s put him/her at the top of the line.*
 - *Now I need you to help me. We need to have all of our other friends follow the leader. Will you help me put them in the line to follow the leader?”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. Talk about all the different types of people who can follow.**
 - *“Remind me, **Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!***
 - *Nice work, friends! Let’s spread all the people out again and now let’s pick another leader and help our friends follow. Good work everybody!”*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work having everybody follow the leader! Friends, we can all follow Jesus and be his friend. He wants EVERYONE to be his friend!*
 - ***Who can be friends with Jesus?***
 - ***Everyone can be friends with Jesus!!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY MARCH 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

- *Jesus Loves Me* by Debby Anderson
- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debby Anderson
- *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Chooses His Disciples*, p. 308

ASK A QUESTION

Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“Come and follow me,” Jesus said.” Matthew 4:19

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.