

March Week 2

Put on Your Shoes

March 13

CRAFT

Follow Me Shoe Charm

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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ACTIVITY #1

Follow the Leader Freeze 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. But when the music turns off you need to be ready to freeze, so put on your listening ears! Are you ready?”*

⇒ **Turn the music on. Call out dancing directions. Turn the music off and have kids freeze**

- *“Alright, let’s dance! Everybody clap your hands!*
- *Do the twist [jump up and down, spin around, etc]*
- *Now freeze!*
- *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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ACTIVITY #2

Come and Follow Me

SUPPLIES: Floor tape

SET-UP: Place one long line of tape on the floor on one side of the room and one across from it on the other side of the room.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children stand on the tape line on the floor on one side of the room.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story we learned that EVERYONE can be friends with Jesus! We can all follow him – no matter who we are, what we look like, where we’re from, or what we’ve done!”*
 - *Let’s play a game. This will help us to remember that everyone can be friends with Jesus! I want you all to line up on this line. Now, I am going to go stand on the other side of the room in the middle of the line and I am going to call you to come and follow me. You need to listen very carefully to how I call you, though!”*
- ⇒ **Have children listen to the direction you give and then come across the room to the other side and stand on the tape line.**
 - *“If you are wearing something blue, walk across the room. Come and follow me!”*
 - *If you are wearing something [fill in colors until every child has been called], walk across the room. Come and follow me.*
 - *Nice job, boys and girls. Remind me, **Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!**”*
- ⇒ **Repeat with different descriptions and commands.**
 - *Descriptions: Boys/girls, Brown hair/blonde hair/red hair/black hair, 3 years old/4 years old/5 years old/6 years old, etc.*
 - *Actions: Hop, crawl, bear walk, crab walk, skip, etc.*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great job, friends! You did such and good job following! I loved that we got to see that no matter who we are, we can be friends with Jesus!”*
 - ***Who can be friends with Jesus?***
 - ***Everyone can be friends with Jesus!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Review

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together. “Come and follow me,’ Jesus said.”
Matthew 4:19*
 - *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can be friends with Jesus?***
 - ***Everyone can be friends with Jesus!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY MARCH WEEK 2

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Beginner's Bible: *Jesus Chooses His Disciples*, p. 308

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

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

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Since everyone can be friends with Jesus, we’ll make a list of people we know. It can be anyone because EVERYONE can be friends with Jesus! When I say your name, **tell me one person you know that can be friends with Jesus**, and I will write it down.

- *Write their names down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Look at all these names! Thank you! Let’s pray!

⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- “Dear God, Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that *(read the names you wrote in the journal)* and *(name each child)* can all be friends with Jesus. Thank You that Everyone can be friends with Jesus! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”