

March Week 1

Put on Your Shoes

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CRAFT

Put on your Shoes

SUPPLIES:

Crayons, markers, dot markers, variety of stampers and stickers,
Shoe design page

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Lay all the art supplies out on the table and pass out the shoe pages.**

- *“Do you have a favorite pair of shoes? What do your favorite shoes look like? Do they help you run fast or do a dance? That’s really cool. There are all kinds of different shoes we can wear!”*
- *Look at these cool shoes on your paper. Use the markers, stickers, stamps, and crayons to decorate them however you want!”*

⇒ **Have each child their shoe to the class and discuss the Bible story.**

- *“Wow! These shoes all look amazing! And look – all of these shoes are different, just like you! What could you do in these shoes? You can do all kinds of cool things in these shoes. And no matter what kind of shoes you wear, you can be friends with Jesus!”*
- *In our Bible story, we heard about some men named Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They were fishermen. One day, they were out fishing when Jesus walked by and said, ‘Come follow me!’ Jesus, God’s Son, wanted them to follow Him. These four fishermen became Jesus’ really good friends called the disciples.”*

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

- *“Jesus wants to be friends with you, too! Jesus wants to be friends with everyone!”*
- ***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
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SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

1. 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 Jesus wants everyone to be his friend, when I say your name, **I want you to stand up and say ‘I can be friends with Jesus!’**, and I will write down your name. Got it?

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

⇒ Yay! Everyone can be friends with Jesus! 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 *[child's name]* can be friends with Jesus. Thank You that...*(continue with each child's name)*. And that I can be friends with Jesus, too. You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen.”