

April Week 1

We Go Together

April 3

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

CRAFT What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out Together Heart and dot markers. Write each child's name on the line where it says "Jesus + _____".**
- *"Friends, this heart has a very special message. It says Jesus plus and then it has a line where I am going to write your name. Jesus plus you. Then it says we go together. Then it says forever! You go together with Jesus! Forever!"*
 - *Let's decorate this heart and make it so beautiful!*
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *"This looks great friends! The best things that go together are Jesus and you! Jesus is such a special friend, and He can do amazing things. He wants to be your friend forever!"*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"***

SUPPLIES:

Together Heart, Dot markers

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STEP 2 - Activities

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SUPPLIES: We Go Together Pairs (set of 12 cards), Jesus, Handheld Mirror

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children up for the activity.**

- *“All month long we are going to be talking about how Jesus goes with us wherever we go! He wants to be our friend forever!”*
- *Let’s find some other things that go together.*

⇒ **Lay one set of pairs face up on the ground. Hold the other set. Show the kids one picture and ask them to help you find the match.**

- *“All month long we are going to be talking about how Jesus goes with us wherever we go! He wants to be our friend forever!”*
- *[Hold up peanut butter] What is this? Peanut Butter! Can you tell me which one goes with peanut butter? Jelly! Nice Job!*
- *[Repeat with ketchup, fork, chips, burger, and milk.]*

⇒ **Hold up the mirror and show each child their reflection.**

- *“Who do you see in this mirror? It’s you! And you! And you!”*
- *Who goes with you? It’s Jesus!”*

⇒ **When all children have had a chance to go, complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“You found all the matches! These things all go together, just like Jesus goes with you! Jesus loves you so much and will be with you forever!”*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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STEP 2 - Activities

Parachute Walking on Water

SUPPLIES: Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children form a circle around the parachute and each pick up a handle or corner.**
 - *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we heard about how Jesus walked on....WATER! Only Jesus can do that! He is so amazing!*
 - *We are going to have some fun today and pretend to be Jesus walking on water.*

- ⇒ **Select one child to walk on water. Have them stand on top of the parachute. Crouch down with the kids and help them make gentle waves.**
 - *“Alright everybody! Let’s make some gentle waves. Go ahead and walk, Jesus!*
 - *Wow! Jesus is so amazing! Only he can do that! And he would walk on water to be with us. Boys and girls, tell me...*
 - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

- ⇒ **In between turns you can have fun with the parachute going fast, slow, high, low, etc!**

- ⇒ **Repeat until every child has had a turn.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *That was so fun! Boys and girls, can just anyone walk on water? No! Only Jesus can do that! And only Jesus can always be with us, like He was with Peter when He helped Peter get back in the boat after he sank in the water. Jesus is the best friend we will ever have, and He wants to be our friend forever!*
 - ***Tell me, who wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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STEP 3

Read-Ask-Practice-Pray

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 BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

- ⇒ *The Beginner's Bible*
 - "Jesus Walks on Water", p. 364
- ⇒ *The First Easter*
- ⇒ *The Easter Story*
- ⇒ *This is Easter*
- ⇒ *Good News! It's Easter!*

ASK A QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always." Matthew 28:20

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.