

April Week 1

We Go Together

April 3

CRAFT

Stuck to Jesus

SUPPLIES: Jesus cut-out, Gingerbread cut-out, yarn for hair, glue sticks, googly eyes, crayons, Velcro hook and loop dots

Note: If yarn hair doesn't work with your room, have the children color the hair on their gingerbread cut-out with a crayon.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out gingerbread people. Put crayons on the table. Have children decorate the cut-out to look like them. Help them peel the backing off and add googly eyes. Demonstrate how to add yarn for hair.**

- *"Friends, today I want you to make this person look just like you! You can use your crayons to color. I will help you put the googly eyes and hair on!"*

⇒ **Pass out Jesus. He should have one Velcro dot pre-attached to the front of his left hand. Help children attach the other Velcro dot to the BACK of their right hand**

- *"Great job, friends! These look just like you! Now look who I have here! It's Jesus!"*
- *Now here comes the special part. We are going to attach this special sticker right here to the back of your right hand. Now watch this. You and Jesus go together – you are holding hands! The best things that go together are Jesus and you!"*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *"Jesus is such a special friend, and He can do amazing things. You can celebrate Jesus every day because He wants to be your friend forever!"*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

We Go Together

SUPPLIES: We Go Together Pairs, 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!”*

⇒ ****Option with a smaller or older group of kids. Turn it into a game of memory!**

⇒ **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?***
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ACTIVITY #2

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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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse

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. “I am with you always.” Matthew 28:20*
 - *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 wants to be your friend forever?***
 - ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

APRIL WEEK 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *Jesus Walks on Water*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 364

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of our friends. Then when we pray, we can thank God for our friends. When I say your name, **tell me the name of one of your friends.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ This is a great list! I will add just one more name. He is the best friend we will ever have, and He is always with us. His name is... J-E-S-U-S...JESUS! Now we are ready to pray! Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "

- *Dear God, thank You for our friends. Thank You for [child's name]'s friend, [friend's name] and thank You for [child's name]'s friend, [friend's name] . . . (continue with each child and their friend's name). Most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus truly is the best friend EVER. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*