

**March Week 3**

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# CRAFT

## *Megaphone*

**SUPPLIES:** Megaphone cut out, markers, crayons, misc. stickers, clear tape

### **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 megaphone cut outs.**
- *“Today in our true Bible story we learned about a group of Jesus’ friends who he asked to follow him. Jesus wants everyone to be friends with everyone so he asks everyone to follow him!”*
  - *Today we are going to make a megaphone so that we can shout it out to everyone!*
  - *First, let’s use our crayons and markers to color in the letters. It says, “Come and follow me,” Jesus said.*
  - *After that we will add some stickers to decorate it!”*
- ⇒ **After kids have added stickers, roll it into a megaphone shape and secure with two pieces of clear tape. Have each kids hang on to the megaphone to practice the memory verse together.**
- *“These look amazing everybody! Wow!*
  - *Now I want to practice our memory verse in our megaphone. Are you ready to shout it out?*
  - *”Come and follow me,” Jesus said!*
  - *Nice work!*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *“Jesus wants to be friends with you, too! Jesus wants to be friends with everyone! I have one more question and I want you to shout the answer into your megaphone!*
  - ***Who can be friends with Jesus?***
  - ***Everyone can be friends with Jesus!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Little People Look and Find Line Up*

**SUPPLIES:** 12 Little People Figurines

### **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!*
- *Look who I have here! It’s 12 Little People! They all look different, don’t they? We have a princess, Batman, a farmer [name whichever characters you have]. All of these friends can follow Jesus.”*

⇒ **Scatter the Little People around the room and have children collect all of the figurines. Once they have all been found, line them up and practice the memory verse.**

- *“Now I want you all to close your eyes. I am going to hide these 12 friends around the room and then you are going to find them.*
- *Open your eyes! Let’s go find some friends to follow Jesus!*
- *Nice job, everybody! Now let’s line them all up and ask them to follow. Can you say the memory verse with me?*
- *‘Come and follow me,’ Jesus said. Matthew 4:19.*
- *Nice job! Let’s play again!*

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

- *“Nice job helping these friends follow Jesus, everyone!*
- ***Who can be friends with Jesus? Everyone can be friends with Jesus!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Follow the Leader Parade*

**SUPPLIES:** None needed

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and form a single file line behind you.**
  - *“All month long we have been learning about what it means to follow Jesus and that Jesus wants to be friend with everyone!”*
  - *Today we are going to play a fun game to help us practice following – it’s called follow the leader!”*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how the game is played.**
  - *“I am going to lead our line around the room and you need to walk like I walk and do the motions that I do. So if I march like a soldier – everybody march like a soldier with me. And if I hop like a bunny – start hopping! And if I get down and crawl – then everybody crawl together!”*
  - *Do you get it? Alright, friends! Follow the leader!”*
- ⇒ **Depending on class size, you may consider letting children take turns being the leader. Continue activity as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **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 Duck, Duck Goose*

**SUPPLIES:** None

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, come over here and make a circle with me. Now everybody have a seat. Today we are going to play a fun game. It’s a lot like Duck, Duck Goose! I will choose one person to walk around the circle. You can gently tap each person’s shoulder. But instead of Duck, Duck, Goose we are going to say, ‘Follow...Follow...Follow...Jesus!’*
  - *If you get tapped when they say ‘Jesus!’ then you get up and try to chase them around the circle!*
  
- ⇒ **Demonstrate the game once with volunteers. After each round, practice the memory verse.**
  - *“‘Come and follow me,’ Jesus said.” Matthew 4:19*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat the game until each child has had a turn.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Nice work, my friends! I loved hearing you say the memory verse together. We can all follow Jesus because everyone can be friends with Jesus!*
  - ***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

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

⇒ “Before Peter was friends with Jesus, his job was catching fish. Before Matthew of jobs Peter and Matthew had, because Everyone can be friends with Jesus. Let’s make a list of other jobs. It can be a builder or a doctor or a teacher—it can be any job! When I say your name, **tell me one job**, and I will write it down. Got it?

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

⇒ These are some great jobs! Let’s use this list when we pray.

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

- “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be friends with everyone. Thank You that fishermen can be friends with Jesus and tax collectors can be friends with Jesus and (read the list the children made) can all be friends with Jesus. Everyone can be friends with Jesus! And we are so, so happy about that, because it means we can be friends with Jesus, too. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”