

**April Week 4**

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# **CRAFT**

## *Friend Forever*

**SUPPLIES:** Friend Forever cardstock, crayons, children stickers

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

⇒ **Give each child a Friend Forever cardstock and crayons.**

- *“Today’s craft is a very special reminder. It’s a reminder to you that Jesus wants to be your friend forever. He wants to be my friend and your friend and EVERYONE’s friend! First, I want you to color the heart and Jesus.*

⇒ **After children are done coloring, give them each a handful of children stickers.**

- *“Look at all of these friends that I have! Jesus loves each and every person so much! He loves us all no matter who we are or where we are or what we do.*

⇒ **Let children attach stickers while volunteers spread out and assist.**

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

- *“These look wonderful! I want you to keep this in a special place at home so that you can always remember that Jesus loves you. He wants to be your best friend FOREVER!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *One fish, Two Fish*

**SUPPLIES:** Plush Fish Toys, Fishing Net

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

- ⇒ **Scatter fish around the classroom. Place the large net in the center of the room and gather children around it.**
  - *“Let’s go fishing! We have a lot of fish to catch. Can you help me gather all the fish up and put them in our net?”*
  
- ⇒ **Have children collect the fish and bring them back to the net.**
  - *“Nice work fishermen! Who is your friend? Jesus is my friend!”*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Today in our true Bible story the fishermen were out fishing when they looked over and saw Jesus on the beach! Let me see your excited faces!*
  - *Jesus went away, but he came back because he loved his friends the fishermen and he loves you, too!*
  - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Pass the Fish Breakfast*

**SUPPLIES:** Plush Fish, CD player, Worship CD

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

- ⇒ **Have the children sit in a circle, close to one another.**
  - *“Today in our true Bible story, Jesus and his friends had breakfast together on the beach. Let’s sit together and imagine we are having a picnic. Jesus loved his friends so much and they loved him, too. And he promised them he would always be with them! Let’s say our memory verse together.*
  - *‘I am with you always.’ Matthew 28:20*
  
- ⇒ **Prepare for a hot potato style game using a fish.**
  - *“So, Jesus and his friends gathered on the beach for breakfast. And do you remember what they ate for breakfast? Fish!*
  - *We are going to pass the fish while the music is playing. If you are holding the fish when the music stops you will say the memory verse for us!”*
  
- ⇒ **Have another volunteer hit play on the cd player and then start passing the fish. When the music is paused, encourage the person left holding the fish to say the memory verse.**
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“That was fun having a picnic together with you. I’m so glad to know that Jesus wants to be my friend forever!*
  - ***Who wants to be your friend forever?  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, Plush Fish toys

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

⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**

- *“Our bible story today was about catching fish. Everybody grab a piece of the parachute and wait until I tell you to shake!”*

⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast. Tell the children that the fish are in the net and you need to bounce them high.**

- *“Let’s catch some fish! Everybody bounce them as high as you can!”*

⇒ **When the fish have all popped out of the parachute...**

- *“Who wants to be your friend forever?  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested.**

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Awesome job, everyone! Jesus wants to be our friend just like He was the fishermen’s friend. Jesus wants to be our friend forever – no matter what.*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

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## SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

⇒ Can you make your moon sand look like a fish?

## READ

⇒ The Bible

○ *God's Story for Me: Breakfast on the Beach, p. 435*

⇒ *Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You* by Nancy Tillman

○ Read the story and then say: We may not be able to see Jesus, but he is always with us! Wherever we are and wherever we go and whatever we do, Jesus will always love us!

## 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

⇒ "Since Jesus made breakfast on the beach for His friends, today we'll make a list of our favorite breakfast foods. When I say your name, **tell me your favorite breakfast food.**"

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

⇒ This list is making me hungry! Let's use it when we pray.

Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

*"Dear God, thank You for yummy foods like (read the list the children made) that we get to eat for breakfast. Thank You that Jesus made fish and bread for His friends for breakfast. That story reminds us that Jesus cares about. His friends and wants to spend time with them. I pray that every person here will follow Jesus so He can be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*