

July Week 3
Backyard
Making Waves

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CRAFT

High Five!

SUPPLIES: Hand cut-out, label, craft stick, tape, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table and pass out one hand cut out to each.**
 - *“Friends, today we are going to make a hand to help us high five and retell our Bible story!*
 - *First, you need a paper hand. You can color it any way you like!”*

- ⇒ **Help children secure the hand to the craft stick with tape. Then attach the label to the back side.**
 - *“Now we need to attach our handprint to the stick with tape. I’ll help you if you need. Next, you will put this sticker on one side of your stick, and then I will help you write your name. Now we’re ready to talk about our Bible story!”*

- ⇒ **Use the hand to review the Bible story.**
 - *“We’re going to do something really fun while we talk about today’s Bible story. Every time I say the words ‘faithful friend,’ I want you to give a friend a high-five with your paper hand like this. (Demonstrate.) Listen carefully!*
 - *Today, our story was about two friends named David and Jonathan. David told Jonathan he would always be a FAITHFUL FRIEND. High-five!*
 - *Later, David became king. He still wanted to be a FAITHFUL FRIEND. High-five!*
 - *One day, King David got an idea. He sent his workers to find any of Jonathan’s family so he could show kindness to them. Wow! That IS a FAITHFUL FRIEND! High-five!*
 - *King David’s workers found Jonathan’s son. His name was Mephibosheth. King David was a FAITHFUL FRIEND—high-five—and brought Mephibosheth to his palace, let him eat from the king’s table, and gave him all of his family’s land back. Wow!*
 - *What a FAITHFUL FRIEND – high-five!”*

- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *“King David chose faithfulness and did what he said he would do. When Jesus is your friend forever, He can help you choose faithfulness, too. Jesus can help you do everything.*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Do What You Say You'll Do!

SUPPLIES: None needed

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"Friends, today we learned that faithfulness means doing what you say you are going to do. It means being true to you friends and true to your words.*
- *In our true Bible story today, David was a faithful friend to Jonathan and then to Mephibosheth.*
- *Today we are going to practice doing what we say we are going to do.*

⇒ **Explain instructions for the game and model with a volunteer partner.**

- *"Here's how our game works. I am going to go around the group and ask one of you if you will do something. When I ask then you are going to say, 'I will!' and do it.*
- *Let me give you an example with my friend here.*
 - *Volunteer 1: 'Will you clap 3 times?'*
 - *Volunteer 2: 'I will!' (Clap 3 times)*
 - *Volunteer 1: 'Great job being faithful to what you said you would do!'*
- *Let's do it!"*

***Variation 1 – with younger classes, you can have them all do the activity together instead of doing it one person at a time.**

****Variation 2 – with older classes, you can have kids take turns asking the "will you" questions.**

⇒ **Finish the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *"Great job, friends! You did what you said you were going to do!*
- *We can practice being faithful at home every day. When mom asks you to pick up your toys you can say 'I will!' and then do it! If a friend asks you to share a toy you can say, 'I will!' and do it. You can be faithful even when it's hard and Jesus can help you. Friends, tell me...*
- ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Faithfulness Look and Find

SUPPLIES: High five symbols on brightly colored paper

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, hidden around the room are lots of these high five symbols! We are using the high five this week to symbolize FAITHFULNESS! Remember, Faithfulness is part of the fruit of the spirit that comes from knowing Jesus is our friend forever.*
- *When we are faithful friends, we keep our promises. We do what we say we are going to do!*
- *I want you to go and look for the high five symbols and then bring them back to the group. Once you find one come and sit back on the rug with me.*

⇒ **Once every child has found a high five, go to each child one at a time to collect it. Have them give you a high five as you ask the question.**

- *“You found the high fives! Nice work! When I come to your spot I will take your high five card and I want to get a real high five from you and I am going to ask you a new question! It goes like this – Who can be faithful? I can be faithful!”*

⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested.**

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

- *“Friends, We can be faithful friends because Jesus can help us. I am so thankful God sent Jesus to be our friend forever because Jesus can help us do everything!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

*Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +
Memory Verse Review*

SUPPLIES: Fruit of the Spirit Picture Cards (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness), Summer 2022 CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us show FAITHFULNESS! (hold up the high five card). When we know Jesus, he can help us show faithfulness and do what we say we will do!!*
- *Now we know that when we trust Jesus, he can help us to (hold up heart) LOVE, he can also help us to (hold up smiley face) have JOY, he can help us to choose (hold up teddy bear card) PEACE, he can help us to be (hold up clock card) PATIENT, he can help us choose KINDNESS (hold up hands holding heart card), he can help us show God’s GOODNESS (candle card), and he can help us show FAITHFULNESS (hold up high five card)! Jesus can help us do everything! Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!”*

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’”
John 14:6*
 - *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*

⇒ **Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.**

- *“Let’s get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let’s dance!”*

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

- *“Nice work, my friends!*
- ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JULY WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *God's Fruit in Me*, by Vince Rozier

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can help you do everything?**
Jesus can help me do everything!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'" John 14:6**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of 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. **Give each child a faithfulness story sticker.***

⇒ This is a great list of friends. Let's use our list when we pray to ask God to help us to be faithful friends to them. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- "Dear God, we want to be faithful friends and do what we say we will do. Please help [child's name] be a faithful friend to [their friend's name]. Please help [child's name] be a faithful friend to [their friend's name]. Please help . . . (continue with each child). You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."