

## April Week 4

Backyard  
1, 2, 3!!!

April 23

# CRAFT

## Jesus is Alive megaphone

**SUPPLIES:** Jesus is Alive Megaphone page, markers/crayons, sticker strip (1 per child)

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Jesus is Alive Megaphone and crayons.**

- *“Do you know what this is in the picture? It’s called a megaphone! A megaphone is used to tell people a message REALLY LOUD!*
- *We learned about telling a message today in our true Bible story! Jesus gave His friends a very important job. Jesus told them to GO and TELL everyone, everywhere the good news that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever. When we are Jesus’ friend forever, we have that same important job. So today, let’s make megaphones to hang up to remind us to GO and TELL the good news about Jesus!*
- *Let’s add colors first. Can you color in the words? They say “I can tell everyone everywhere – Jesus is alive! And he wants to be my friend forever.”*

⇒ **Pass out sticker strips.**

- *“These look beautiful! Now let’s add some special stickers. Let’s see, there is a heart, a smiley face, the numbers one, two, three, and Jesus!”*

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

- *“Jesus and His friends went up a mountain, and He told them they had an important job to do. One (Hold up one finger), two (Hold up two fingers), three (Hold up three fingers), GO and TELL! Jesus said He wanted them to go and tell EVERYONE, everywhere that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever! And guess what! We can do that, too! We can go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever!*
- **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”**

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Pin the heart on the map*

**SUPPLIES:** Map of the world, wall tape, heart cut-outs

**PREP:** Tape map to wall. Place tape on back of hearts or use tacky tape.

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit spaced out on the floor or at tables and walk over one at a time to the map poster.**

- *“Look at this! Does anyone know what this is? That’s right! It’s a map of the WHOLE Earth! Do you know where we live? Right here!”*
- *“Did you know Jesus came back to be your best friend and mine? Well, he also came back to be friends with everyone all over the Earth! And Jesus wants us to show his love to everyone all over the Earth, too!”*
- *“(Point to a variety of locations.) Does Jesus love people in \_\_\_\_\_? Yes! Does he love people in \_\_\_\_\_? Yes!”*
- *“Jesus loves everyone and he wants to be their best friend forever!”*
- *“So now, let’s spread Jesus’ love all over the Earth so EVERYONE knows that he wants to be their friend forever. I am going to give everyone a heart cut out and we are going to place it somewhere on the map.”*

⇒ **NOTE: You can modify this activity in the following ways:**

- *2s/3s can just place the heart on the map.*
- *4s/5s can close their eyes, do a spin and play it like a game of Pin the Tail on the donkey.*

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

- *“Great job, everyone! Jesus loves everyone so much and wants to be their friend forever! We can tell everyone everywhere that Jesus is alive!”*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Around the World Hot Potato*

**SUPPLIES:** Inflatable Globe, CD player, Worship CD

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

- ⇒ **Have children space out in a large circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, do you see what I have here? It’s the Earth! We are going to play a fun game with this Earth. We are going to pass it around the circle while the music is playing. When it stops, the person holding it is going to stand up and help us with our memory verse!*
  - *Let’s practice it together:*
    - *“I am alive for ever and ever.” Revelation 1:18*
  
- ⇒ **Play music and start passing the ball. Pause the music and have the child holding the ball hold it up.**
  - *“Look at that Earth, everybody! Jesus’ love covers the WHOLE Earth and everybody in it!*
  - *Let’s say our memory verse together:*
    - *“I am alive for ever and ever.” Revelation 1:18*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Nice work, my friends! Jesus loves everybody on the Earth. Jesus came back and he is ALIVE! He wants to be your friend and my friend forever!*
  - ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!***

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, bag of heart and earth stress balls

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“All month long we have been learning the answer to a very important question:*
  - ***Who is alive?***
  - ***Jesus is alive!***
  
- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
  - *“Now everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
  - *Jesus’ love for us is ENORMOUS! Can you help me wave the parachute as big as Jesus’ love? Jesus loves us so much and he will forever because Jesus is alive!*
  - *Wow! Nice job, friends!”*
  
- ⇒ **Show the Earth and heart squishy balls to everyone.**
  - *“We can tell EVERYONE everywhere on the Earth that Jesus is alive forever and ever! Let’s toss these on! Can you keep them up in the air? Go!”*
  
- ⇒ **After all the balls have popped out of the parachute, have the children collect them all and bring them back to the parachute.**
  - *“Can you get them all? Let’s go!*
  - ***Who is alive?***
  - ***Jesus is alive!***
  - *Let’s do it again!”*
  
- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Great job, friends! Our true Bible story tells us that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. Jesus is alive and we can tell everyone!*
  - ***Who is alive?***
  - ***Jesus is alive!***

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**  
**APRIL WEEK 4**

## **PASS OUT MOON SAND**

### **READ**

- ⇒ The Beginner's Bible
  - *Jesus Goes to Heaven, p. 466*

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who is alive?**  
**Jesus is alive!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"I am alive for ever and ever." Revelation 1:18**

## **CONNECT IT AND PRAY**

- ⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of people we can go tell that Jesus is alive and he loves them and wants to be their friend forever. When I say your name, tell me one person you can tell, and I will write it down."
  - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*
- ⇒ Thank you for helping me make this list. We can use it when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "*Dear God, we want everyone, everywhere to know that Jesus is alive and he loves them and wants to be their friend forever. Please help us go tell (read the list the children made) about Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*"