

# STARFISH & DOLPHINS

WEEK 4, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Today's Bible Story:** I shine when I do what Jesus says. Shine Like the Stars • *Philippians 2:14-16*

**Memory Verse:** "Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16, NIV

**Key Question:** Who can do what Jesus says?

**Bottom Line:** I can do what Jesus says.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**SOCIAL:** Time for fun!

## **ACTIVITY:** Shape Sorting

**What You Need:** Shape sorter blocks (including a heart and star), butcher paper, washable markers, and masking tape

**What You Do:** Cover a table with butcher paper and secure the edges with the masking tape. Lay out the shape-sorter blocks on the butcher paper and use washable markers to trace each shape. Make sure you trace a heart and a star. Trace at least one item per child. Place the shape sorter blocks on the table. Point out the drawn shapes on the butcher paper and lead children to sort through the blocks to find the matching shape. Once all shapes have been matched, lead them to point to the star and the heart.

**What You Say:** "Look at all these shapes on the paper! What shapes do you see? *(Pause.)* Great job! Look, these blocks are the same shapes as

the drawings on the paper! Let's match a block with its shape! You can set the block right on top. Ready? Let's match! You found the circle! Great job. Does anyone see a heart? Oh, there it is. Way to go! What about a star? Yep. There it is! Keep going until we've made all the matches. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends! You matched up all the shapes! Everyone, point to the heart! Great. Now point to the star! *(Pause.)* Super-duper!"

## **MEMORY VERSE:** Review the Memory Verse

**What You Need:** No supplies needed.

**What You Do:** Review the Memory Verse in different voices. Example: Say it really loud, whisper, etc.

**What You Say:** "Friends, let's practice our memory verse! We are going to say it lots of different ways so that we can remember it!"

**LARGE GROUP:** Time to Praise & Worship God

**Worship:** Inviting people to respond to God. ways.

**Story:** Communicating God's truth in engaging

**SMALL GROUP:** Time to connect with the children! **PRAY:** Praise God, Thank God!

## **CRAFT:** Make it to the Star!

**What You Need:** Large star cutout, construction paper, and painter's tape

**What You Do:** Tape the star to a wall at the children's eye level. Lay six to eight pieces of construction paper on the floor in a serpentine path leading to the star cutout on the wall.

Secure each piece of paper to the floor with tape. Gather the children at the end of the construction paper path. Place the children in groups of two or three. List different scenarios, moving the children forward or backward in their groups along the path until they reach the star.



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When a group reaches the star, lead them to say, "Shine!"

**What You Say:** "Everyone, line up here in front of the path. Let's play our game together in groups of friends. (*Put children in groups of two or three.*) I'll read some examples of shining or not shining your light and tell you how many spots to move. We'll keep playing until we reach the star! When you get to the star, I want you to say, 'Shine!' You've got it. Let's play.

- You shared your toy. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You were kind to your brother. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You hugged a friend. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You didn't share with your friend. *Move back one space.*
- You got mad and yelled at your brother. *Move back one space.*
- You remembered to say, "Thank you." *Move forward three spaces.*
- You helped clean up the toys. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You left your toys all over the floor in a big mess. *Move back one space.*
- You were unkind to a friend. *Move back one space.*
- You didn't say, "Thank you." *Move back one space.*
- You chose not to complain. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You wanted to get mad, but you didn't. *Move forward three spaces.*
- You argued with your sister. *Move back one space.*
- You told your sister you were sorry. *Move forward two spaces.*

**What You Need:** "You're a Star" Activity Page, washable markers or dot markers, metallic or glitter crayons, star stickers, star stamps, yellow washable ink pads, yellow tissue squares, glue sticks, craft sticks, masking tape

**What You Do:** Encourage children to use the supplies to decorate the side of their star with no writing and make it shine. Help attach the star to the craft stick and encourage children to use their star as you review the Bottom Line.

**What You Say:** "Look at all these fun supplies I have for you to use! Decorate the side with no words on it. Turn it over and let's add a craft stick so it's easier for you to hold. (*Help tape the craft stick to the back of each child's star.*) When I say shine, I want you to hold your stars way up high. Ready? Shine! Stars down. This time, when I say your name, hold up your star and say a kind word, like, 'Please,' 'Thank you,' or 'I love you.' [Child's name], hold up your star and say a kind word. (*Pause.*) Nice! Put your star down. (*Continue with each child.*) When we do what Jesus says, we shine like the stars! **Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says.** Now you can take your stars home, do what Jesus says, and shine like the stars with your family! Tell me one more time, **who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says.**"

**ACTIVITY:** You're a Star

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