

**Day
3**

Buddy Boats



Supplies:

Each child will need:

- 2 plastic bottles
(You can use any size plastic bottles, as long as each child has 2 of the same size.)

You'll also need:

- colorful electrical tape
- paint markers
- child-size pool filled with water
- craft knife



Preparation

Before kids arrive, remove the labels from the bottles and be sure each bottle has a lid securely attached. Cut a 4-inch oval in the side of each bottle. Make a sample Buddy Boat.

When kids arrive, say: **Let's try a little experiment.** Take one of the pre-cut bottles, and set it in the pool of water. Although the bottle will float for a little while, it will eventually roll over so the hole fills with water and the bottle sinks.

Ask:

- **What happened to the bottle?**
- **What would have kept the bottle floating?**

Hold up your Buddy Boat, and set it in the water. Then read today's Power Verse, from Psalm 23:4: "I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me."

Ask:

- **How does *this* boat remind you of this verse?**

Say: **Today we'll make Buddy Boats to remind us that Jesus gives us the power to be brave. "Aha!"** Jesus is always close beside us.

Craft Creation

1. Form partners, and give each person two bottles.
2. Hold your partner's bottles side by side with the holes lined up and facing up.
3. While you hold the bottles together, your partner will wrap colorful electrical tape around both bottles, securing them together.
4. When the bottles are connected with at least two pieces of tape, switch roles. Then use paint markers to decorate the boats.
5. When the paint is dry, put your Bible Memory Buddies in your boats, and take them for a float!

Say: **You can float your Buddies in the Buddy Boat and remember how Peter floated...without a boat! That's because he kept his eyes on Jesus. Jesus gives us the power to be brave. too. "Aha!"**