Flat Jesus Project

This summer, as we enter the travel season, we want you to take Jesus with you everywhere you go.....yup, including Flat Jesus; a visual reminder of our need for Jesus always!

Who is Flat Jesus?

Flat Jesus is inspired by a national school project called Flat Stanley, based off the book series written by Jeff Brown. Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, churches since 2015 have used “Flat Jesus” to encourage kids and families to focus on Christ as the foundation of everyday lives. As Christians we are called to place Christ in the center of our lives and spread the gospel everywhere, we go. This summer, Friendship Kids would like to challenge you to Love, Live and Serve like Jesus while sharing your adventures with our church family.

The Challenge

Flat Jesus reminds us to keep Christ at the center of our lives even, or especially, when we are far from our church home. As you are out and about this summer, take Jesus along for the adventure. Families can have fun taking photos of Flat Jesus at the zoo, camping, play grounds, wherever you and your family go. Then create a fun journal, scrapbook or picture memories that you can share with our church family. Friendship Kids would love for you to share pictures of you with Flat Jesus on our Facebook page by tagging @KidsFMN. Remember, this project is for EVERYONE, not just families with children.

Pray for the Lord to lead your family in creative ways to share Christ’s love this whole summer. Whether you take a picture of Flat Jesus, or just share a picture and a story, we want to hear how your family was impacted by placing Jesus in the center of your summer!

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:2
Instructions

1. Copy the template HERE onto heavy cardstock if possible. Note: Kids can pick up a copy during Sunday programming.
2. Get creative! Decorate Flat Jesus – what color hair does he have? What color skin tone? How do you see Jesus?
3. Take your Flat Jesus everywhere with you; document your adventures and share your pictures with us, then check back to our Facebook page to follow the adventure.
4. Email pictures to michellej@friendshipmn.org or post on Facebook and tag @kidsFMN
5. Talk with family and friends about what you and Flat Jesus experienced.

Again, our prayer is that our families stay plugged into their faith throughout the summer months. We hope this gives families a unique opportunity to continually engage in their faith development all summer along!