

Unit 5 at a Glance

Friends of Jesus

Unit Overview

In this unit the children will study the deep and lasting friendships of Jesus. From the calling of his first disciples to their final supper together, the children will see Jesus not only as a great friend but as an example that they should follow. This unit offers the children many opportunities to serve, love and help their friends.

Unit Goals

- The children will identify specific friends of Jesus and related events in their lives.
- The children will view Jesus as an example that they should follow.
- The children will imitate godly characteristics of Jesus, specifically: loving, serving and befriending others.

Unit Contents

Lesson 1 Jesus Makes Friends

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:34
"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

This lesson tells of how Andrew and Peter became very close friends of Jesus. The children will learn that Jesus was willing to be friends with everyone. They will also learn practical ways that they can be friends to others such as: spending time together, serving one another and encouraging one other.

Lesson 2 Bringing Friends to Jesus

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:34
"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

This lesson details how Jesus met and became friends with Philip and Nathanael. The children will learn that Jesus was a great friend because he always taught others about God. The children will imitate Jesus as they identify friends that they can invite to church and help teach about God.

Lesson 3 A Miraculous Catch

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:34
"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

This lesson tells of the day that Peter, a friend of Jesus, caught an enormous amount of fish. The children will study Peter's willingness to listen and obey Jesus. The importance of Jesus' words and his power to accomplish what he says will be stressed. The children will practice listening to and obeying Jesus and other authority figures in a variety of "real life" situations.

Lesson 4 The Unmerciful Servant

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:15
"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

In this lesson the children will hear one of Jesus' most stirring parables on forgiveness. The children will strive to imitate Jesus' heart to forgive as they deal with real life situations that challenge them to offer forgiveness to others and ask for forgiveness themselves. The concept of Jesus being the example they should follow will be introduced in this lesson.

Lesson 5 Jesus, James and John

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:15
"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

This lesson details how Jesus helped James and John, the Sons of Thunder, to become more loving. The chil-

dren will strive to imitate Jesus as they identify ways that they can become more loving. The concept of Jesus being the example they should follow will be reinforced in this lesson.

Lesson 6 The Last Supper

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:15
"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

In this lesson the children will experience the depth of Jesus' love for his friends as they hear of the Last Supper. The lesson focuses primarily on Jesus' love and how he served his friends, not on the crucifixion. The children will practice ways that they can be loving toward one another. They will also identify different people that they will serve in the coming week.

Lesson 7 Review

Scripture Memory Verse: John 13:15
"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

This lesson is a review of the material taught in the previous lessons of this unit.



Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Play “foot washing” with your child. Take turns wearing a towel around your waist and playing “Jesus.” Discuss how Jesus served his friends at the Last Supper, especially how much he expressed his love to them.
- Play a game of “Jesus Says” with your child. Explain how Jesus’ words are important and we should listen and obey what he says.
- Invite a family over for supper. Take some time during the meal when both you and your child can express to your guests how much they mean to you.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child’s teachers



Unit 5 Song Sheet



Andrew and Jesus Finger Play

Andrew and his friend were standing by the street,
(Move the Andrew and friend finger puppets.)

Along came Jesus and then there were three.
(Move the Jesus finger puppet.)

"Come along," he said, "and you will see.
Won't you spend the day with me?"

"Oh, yes. Oh, yes," the friends replied,
(Move the Andrew and friend finger puppets.)

"You will see where I reside."
(Move the Jesus finger puppet.)

They spent the day having so much fun.
(Move all the finger puppets together.)

Jesus loves to be with everyone!

He's on his Way

(Tune: Grandpa's Farm)

He's on his way,
He's on his way,
On his way to Galilee.

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On his way to Galilee.