



Jesus Is A Good Friend!

From Entourage Lesson 4

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Great leaders understand that through faith they have a relationship with a God who is in control of all things.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that the best friend we could ever have is Jesus, who invites us to follow Him and become His friend.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Jesus' sacrifice for us. (*John 12, 18, 19, and 20*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: SHARE YOUR STORY

Share with your child the story of when you accepted Jesus. Keep it simple. Just focus on these three things: a little of what your life was like before you knew about Jesus, the event or time where you accepted Jesus, and the change in your life since you accepted Jesus. Reinforce that sin is just another word for all the bad things we do that God doesn't want us to do, like lying or cheating, or disobeying our parents. Remind your child that Jesus died for our sins so that all our sins would be taken away and so that we could spend forever with Him in Heaven. Jesus laid down His life for each of us and He wants each of us to be His friend.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 (NLT)



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Read what Jesus says in the Bible in John 15:13. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, Pastor Mike told us about the greatest friend who ever lived. Who was that?
2. What did Jesus say is the greatest love?
3. What did Pastor Mike tell us that Jesus did for us?
4. After Jesus died on the cross, what did the disciples do with the body?
5. After three days, what happened to Jesus?
6. Jesus is the greatest friend because He loved us more than any one else can. He showed that love by laying down His life to take the punishment for our sins. What is sin?
Sin keeps us from God. God offers us a chance to have our sins taken away so that we can be with Him. You can have your sins taken away right now by praying a prayer using the ABC's Pastor Mike described.



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7. Fill in the rest of the word for each of the ABC's.

A _____

B _____

C _____

You can pray a prayer like this one to have your sins taken away and become best friends with Jesus.

God, I **Admit** that I have done wrong things and that those things are called sin. I **Believe** that you sent Jesus to be my best friend by taking the punishment for my sin. I **Choose** to accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness and to give my life to Him. Thank you for taking away my sins and giving me a brand new life. Help me to follow Jesus' example and be more and more like Him. Amen.

8. When you have a great friend, you should want that friend to meet all your other friends! Write down the names of some of your friends who need to get to know Jesus, the greatest friend ever. Invite them to church and to learn about Jesus with you and your family by watching the Leadership Video for this lesson.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Jesus.
2. To lay down your life for your friends.
3. He died for us. He gave his life for us.
4. They wrapped it and sealed it in a tomb.
5. He came back to life and rose from the tomb.
6. Sin is when we do things that God doesn't want us to do.
7. Admit. Believe. Choose.
8. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.