



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

What is a Disciple? (Relationship)

'Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me.'
John 12:26 (NLT)

Chat

EXPLAIN: A disciple is someone who chooses to be a friend of Jesus.

SHARE: You might like to let them know that you are a friend of Jesus.

ASK: I wonder if you are a friend of Jesus?

EXPLAIN: When we are friends with Jesus he asks us to live his way. We can start by following his rules. His most important rule is 'love God and love others'.

ASK: What do you think it means to love God?

SHARE: I think loving God might also mean...

EXPLAIN: Friends want to talk to each other. We can talk to Jesus - that's what praying is. Jesus talks to us too and sometimes you might hear his voice in your head.

ASK: What would you like to say to Jesus? What do you think he has said to you lately?

SHARE: When I pray I...

EXPLAIN: Friends want to know about each other. Jesus already knows all about you and he thinks you are amazing! You can learn about Jesus by reading the stories in the Bible, going to church or talking to other friends of Jesus.

ASK: What do you already know about Jesus?

EXPLAIN: Friends often hang out in groups. You can be a part of a group of people who all love Jesus and help each other.

ASK: Who else do you know that is a friend of Jesus?

Activity

Draw a picture that shows how you feel about your friend Jesus.

Application

When you feel alone remember that your friend, Jesus, is with you.

Prayer

What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

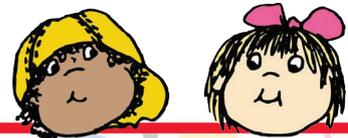
What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything you are sorry about?

Is there something you would like Jesus to help you with?

Who would you like to pray for?

Jesus, we are excited about being your friends. We are going to keep trying to be the best friends we can be to you and others. Amen.



Tips for Using Little Chats

As children answer the questions they are voicing their thoughts to God. Remind them that Jesus hears our prayers. You don't need to ask all of the questions each time you use Little Chats but referring to a range each time will help children to learn about the breadth of prayer.

Use the suggested prayer or pray in your own words to model more formal prayer without minimising the importance of the informal prayer.

Remember to be aware of the teachable moments in everyday life, not just when using Little Chats, to have important conversations with children.

This resource provides a guideline for conversations. If children want to discuss things further keep the conversation going for as long as they are still interested.

Don't be afraid to tell a child that you don't know the answers to their questions. In these instance, offer to work together to learn the answer.

Print the journal and prayer pages and collect the completed pages in a folder. This will allow you to look back at how much you have learnt together.

Little Chats - What is a Disciple?

Journal

Draw a picture that shows how you feel about your friend Jesus.

Prayer

Draw some pictures or write words to answer these questions:

What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything you are sorry about?

Is there something you would like Jesus to help you with?

Who would you like to pray for?

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