

## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
8	3	5	CHRISTIAN LIVING	BELIEVING IN CHRIST	28: As my friend

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this: ☒ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

**Starter:** "DRAW A FRIEND" CHART: Have children draw a "friend" on a FRIEND CHART. Then have the children or the teacher write words around the chart about what they enjoy about that friend. Bright colours will make the chart fun to look at during the class time and the friends' qualities can be shared during class again. Let children know that JESUS is all those qualities and much, much more!

**Learning objectives:** To learn that Jesus Christ is our friend, and that we can develop a personal relationship with Him.

### Core Activities and Learning

**Read: John 15:12-15** " My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I don't call you servants now. A servant does not know what his master is doing. But now I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father."

**And James 2:23** "This shows the full meaning of the Scripture that says: "Abraham believed God, and God accepted Abraham's faith, and that faith made him right with God." And Abraham was called "God's friend."

Jesus is our friend because:

- **We are very important to Jesus!** You may not be important to some people, but Jesus really cares for you. He even knows how many hairs you have on your head. He has them all numbered! He said, "...the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:30).
- **Jesus loves you** and wants the best for you, as any other best friend.
- **Jesus is our helper:** An example from the Gospels is the miracle of the feeding of 5.000.
- **Jesus cares about us:** Remind children the story of the resurrection of Lazarus, who was Jesus friend.
- **Jesus is our comforter:** Remind children how he offered comfort to the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary.
- **Jesus forgives our mistakes:** St Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends and disciples. St Peter knew that Jesus was The Christ. Jesus warned St Peter that he would deny Him, but St Peter denied Him three times. Jesus forgave St Peter for his mistake.

**Group activity:** Have the words printed and distribute to the children. Learn and sing all together the following song.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fTO10iFNrl>

**Resources:** The Bible: John 15:12-15, James 2:23

**Review:** Jesus is our best friend. He is the one that loves us, helps us, cares for us, comforts us, and forgives our mistakes.

**Follow Up:** What makes Jesus our best friend?