

# Faith Adv for Children

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enabling everyone to grow more like Jesus  
together in the home, church and beyond.*

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## Modern parables

Jesus used stories to help people understand the things of God, even though they weren't necessarily overtly Christian stories. Lots of children's books can be used in a similar way as a conversation starter on the week's theme. Examples are shared here but you may think of others too.

**'The squirrels who squabbled'** by Rachel Bright and read by story time Hullabaloo

<https://youtu.be/UMxIHkOc7s?si=IEazkWbqCAsa9uk5>

## Talking together: How might we talk about the story together?

Looking at our friendship wall, what have we learnt? Is there anything we should take down?

What is the difference between a good friend and a godly friend? When does a friend become a doormat?

## Wondering together: suggested questions to use during activities

I wonder what sort of friend you are? Are you able to forgive a friend for things they have done to upset you?

I wonder how you choose your friends? What makes a good friend?

## What's in the box (for under fives)

Use the special box or bag and sing "What's in the box/bag? What's in the box/bag? Let's see, let's see, what's in the box/bag" (to the tune of The Farmer's in the Dell). You could tap the top of the box twice after the







Take the second bowl of pepper-coated water and explain that you will show what happens when we are kind and thoughtful.

Ask the children what they think will happen when some sugar is put in the water.

Get a volunteer to pour a teaspoon of sugar into the centre of the bowl and then watch as the pepper from the top is drawn down to the sugar at the bottom. (The more sugar you put in the water; the more pepper will be drawn to it.) Talk about how others are drawn to people who use kind words and actions and that God calls us to be good and godly friends to others.

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### Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

Try extra hard this week to be a good friend to those around you and see whether it makes a difference.

Draw a portrait of yourself and your friends. Each evening before bed, or each morning when you wake, pray for God's blessing on your friends and your friendship.

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We hope you enjoyed exploring **Friendship** with us.

Please let us know what you liked or what you would find useful by emailing [lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk](mailto:lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk)

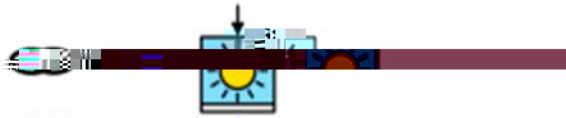
Why not have a look at next month's resources on **Advent**.







Jesus our friend



be with us today



as we share together



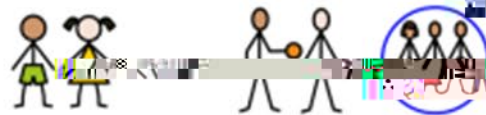
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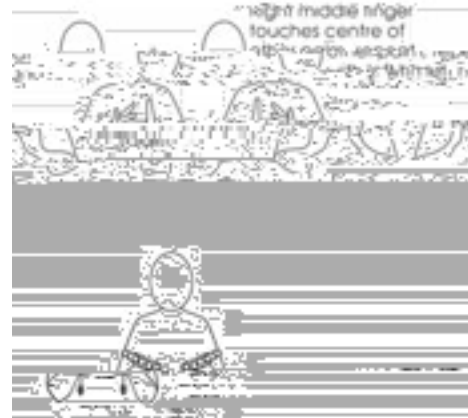
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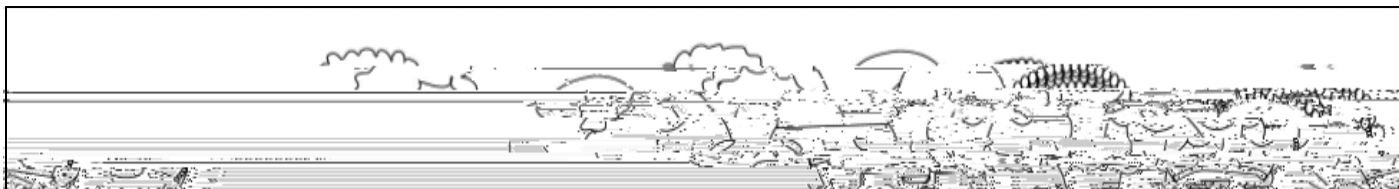


as children in your family



Amen





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