

SPECIAL WORDS:

Jesus [point up] **wants us** [point to self] **to be friends.** [hug yourself]

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus and His Friends
Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1-3



BIBLE STORY TIME

Jesus chose twelve men to live every day with Him. He taught, listened to and cared for these men. They did many things together. They told others how much God loved them. They walked many different places together. They ate meals together, and they sang songs together. Jesus loved His friends. He wants us to be good friends to others, too.

You can read the story to your child in Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1-3 of a Children's Bible.

MEAL TIME



While sharing a meal with your child, say, "What are some of your friends' names? What are some fun things to do with your friends? Did you know that Jesus had friends, too? Friends are such a wonderful blessing; on the count of three let's say, 'Thank you Jesus for our friends.' One, two, three...'Thank you Jesus for our friends!"

BIBLE VERSE TIME

"Do not be afraid [shake head and finger] for I am with you" [hug yourself] Isaiah 41:10 [open hands like Bible]

PRAYER TIME



Have your child repeat this prayer after you.

Dear God,
[Dear God]
Thank You for my friends.
[Thank You for my friends.]
Please help me to be a
good friend.

[Please help me to be a good friend.]
In Jesus' Name,

[In Jesus' Name]

Amen.

[Amen.]