

What A Friend!

Consider the words of the song entitled, "What a Friend." They tell us what Jesus has done for us, and that Jesus is always with us; we never have to go through anything alone. Find a copy of the song in one of your song books, and complete the different verses below. (The words were written by Joseph Scriven, and the music by Charles C. Converse.)

FRIEND

PRAYER

PRIVILEGE

ARMS

PRECIOUS

PEACE

EVERYTHING

LORD

WEAK

NEEDLESS

BECAUSE

Verse 1:

What a _____ we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to _____!

What a _____ to carry

_____ to God in prayer!

O what _____ we often forfeit,

O what _____ pain we bear,

All _____ we do not carry

Everything to God in _____!

Verse 2:

Are we _____ and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of _____?

_____ Saviour, still our refuge,

Take it to the _____ in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, _____ thee?

_____ it to the Lord in prayer;

In His _____ He'll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a _____ there.

TAKE

CARE

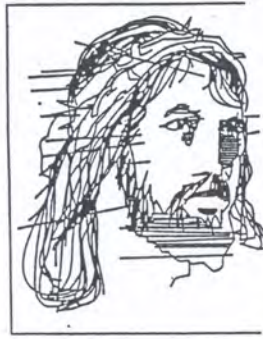
BEAR

SOLACE

FORSAKE

Do you know Jesus as your Friend? If not, go to Him in prayer today. He will be your dearest Friend.

Lesson 47
Text: John 15:9-17



MY BEST FRIEND, JESUS!

Jesus gave us the perfect example of a friend. Verses 9 & 10 tell us what kind of love Jesus has for us and how we can have His love. What is the requirement? _____

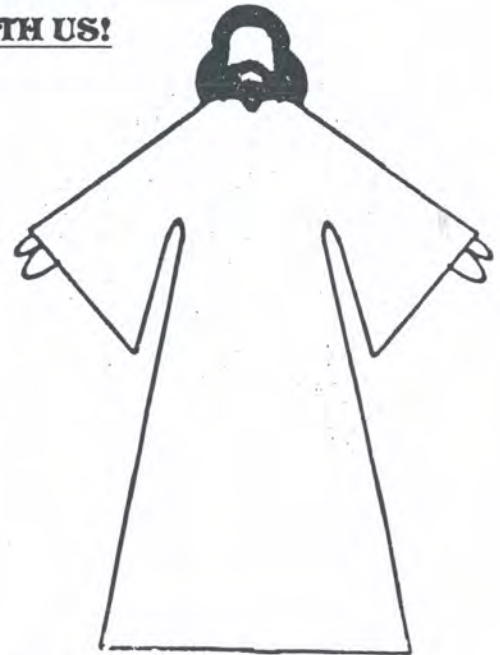
If we are required to keep His commandments, does that make us His servants? _____

What does He say is the difference between a friend and a servant in verse 15?

JESUS LOVES TO SHARE WITH US!

VERSE 13 TELLS US HOW JESUS
DEMONSTRATED THE GREATEST LOVE.

WRITE IT IN THE FIGURE:



The word FRIEND is full of meaning.

Using each letter in

F _____
R _____
I _____
E _____
N _____
D _____

list some of the ways Jesus
showed true friendship.

IF JESUS IS OUR BEST FRIEND, HE WILL GIVE US GOOD FRIENDS!

Jesus is a friend of mine

p	o	l	i	t	e	n	m	u	l	p	g
z	y	o	o	t	s	e	n	o	h	e	x
f	h	s	x	o	q	t	s	i	p	a	d
l	u	c	i	p	d	a	h	o	g	c	b
u	m	v	o	n	y	r	u	o	i	e	a
f	o	h	i	i	e	e	o	a	k	f	l
h	r	k	g	c	o	d	p	u	g	l	a
t	o	p	e	e	p	i	h	i	l	l	u
u	u	p	n	a	m	s	d	a	e	r	t
r	s	f	t	b	c	n	l	a	d	y	i
t	r	u	s	t	w	o	r	t	h	y	r
h	u	n	o	s	y	c	i	n	o	m	i
k	i	n	n	a	t	n	e	i	t	a	p
m	o	y	l	e	r	c	a	t	s	v	s



In the letter grid are some words describing a good friend. The same things you will find in your friend, Jesus.

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| funny | nice |
| good | truthful |
| loyal | spiritual |
| honest | patient |
| considerate | peaceful |
| trustworthy | humorous |
| kind | polite |



Jesus Is a Friend, Indeed!

The text given for this lesson is part of Jesus' talk with His disciples during their last supper together. Judas had already left the house with the intention of betraying Jesus. To the disciples who remained, Jesus gave the perfect formula for friendship and unity, and it begins with love. If you are a Christian, you are Jesus' friend too. He wants all His friends to abide by this perfect formula. Use the following key words and fill in the words that are missing from the verses below.

DO	KEEP	REMAIN
GO	LIFE	REMAIN
ALL	LOVE	COMMAND
ASK	NAME	FRIENDS
JOY	ABIDE	GREATER
YOU	LOVED	CONTINUE
FULL	CHOSEN	SERVANTS

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."
— Proverbs 18:24

"As the Father hath _____ me, so have I loved you: _____ ye in my love. If ye _____ my commandments, ye shall _____ in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my _____ might _____ in you, and that your joy might be _____. This is my commandment, That ye _____ one another, as I have loved you. _____ love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his _____ for his friends. Ye are my _____, if ye _____ whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not _____; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for _____ things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto _____. Ye have not chosen me, but I have _____ you, and ordained you, that ye should _____ and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should _____: that whatsoever ye shall _____ of the Father in my _____, he may give it you. These things I _____ you, that ye love one another." — John 15:9-17

Your Friend, Jesus



Text: John 15:9-17

Key Verse: Proverbs 18:24

- 1** What does the word *friend* mean?
- 2** What circumstances might cause you to become better friends with someone?
- 3** What circumstances might cause you to lessen your friendship with someone?
- 4** How would similar circumstances to Questions 2 and 3 influence your friendship with Jesus?
- 5** What advantages are there in having Jesus as your best Friend?

Name: _____