

# Jesus and His Friends

## Weekly Programming Guide

### Option #1—Mix it Up (5 Week Plan)

*This option enables you to do read, make, and take activities each week for five weeks.*

#### **Week 1 Jesus and His Friends, Pages 1-3**

**READ:** Matthew 13:1-23 / **MAKE:** Seeds Snack / **TAKE:** What Would You Do?

#### **Week 2 Jesus and His Friends, Pages 4-6**

**READ:** John 15 / **MAKE:** Be an Author / **TAKE:** Together Time

#### **Week 3 Jesus and His Friends, Pages 7-10**

**READ:** Mark 5:21-43 / **MAKE:** Praying in Color / **TAKE:** Listen and Sing

#### **Week 4 Jesus and His Friends, Pages 12-14**

**READ:** Luke 19:1-10 / **MAKE:** Friendship Bracelets / **TAKE:** Word Search

#### **Week 5 Jesus and His Friends, Pages 15-17**

**READ:** Luke 11:38-42, John 18:15-18, 25-27 / **MAKE:** Puppet Friends / **TAKE:** Friends of Jesus

**Extra:** The Discipleship Guide highlights five extra scriptures about other friends of Jesus not mentioned in the devotional. Email kids one each week to look up in their Bibles at home, along with the question, and have them respond to you with their observations!

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### Option #2—Break It Up (4 Week Plan)

*This option focuses on a different element of Everyday Discipleship each week for four weeks.*

#### **Week 1—Jesus and His Friends**

*Provide a copy of the devotional for each child and read it together as a group. Pause to discuss, ask questions, and look up passages in the Bible.*

#### **Week 2—READ**

*Read the five highlighted scriptures from the Discipleship Guide. You can read them all together or break kids into five smaller groups to read and give a report to the group afterward. Connect these scriptures with those mentioned in the devotional, comparing and contrasting the friends of Jesus.*

#### **Week 3—MAKE**

*Depending on the time you have, choose 2-4 creative activities from the discipleship guide to do. Give kids enough time to be creative with each task as they respond to their readings from the previous two weeks.*

#### **Week 4—TAKE**

*Explain Together Time...and designate a chair or other spot for Jesus to sit for the day. Remind kids as you talk through What Would You Do and Friends of Jesus that Jesus is their friend who is always with them. Let them listen to a playlist of “Friends” songs while they complete the word search, and send them home with a copy of Jesus and His Friends.*