



The Playmate/Friendship Lure

Lesson #18

The children will have many stories to share about their friends. What makes someone a friend? Why are friends important to us? How is someone a good friend? How can they be friends to one another?

Who were Jesus' friends? What does the song mean that we have a friend in Jesus?

The prayer for friendship is an opportunity to expand the discussion with the children.

Prayer for Friendship

Jesus, help me to follow your example in being a good and faithful friend. Help me to show respect for my friends in the way I speak to them and in the way I listen to them. Help me to remember to share kind words with friends when they are hurt or feeling sad. When we spend time together, help us to remember that you are there with us.

Prayer Saint Maria Goretti

O God, Author of innocence and Lover of Chastity, you conferred on Saint Maria Goretti, your child, the grace of martyrdom at a young age. Through her example and prayers, grant us to be faithful in keeping your commandments, you who gave the crown to a virgin who fought for you.



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Prayer	Loving and Gracious God, help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Lord, be our help and our companion this day.</i> We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Genesis 1, 2 (Created in God's image) 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (You are the temple of the God) 1 Corinthians 6:16 (You are the temple of the living God)
Saint or Hero	Saint Maria Goretti (July 6) David and Jonathan

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Lily (purity) Handshakes friendship bracelets
Music	<i>Open my Eyes, Lord</i> <i>Dwelling Place</i> (St. Louis Jesuits) <i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>
Liturgy or Rites	Baptism and Eucharist as initiation rites Litany of saints
Prayers	See above
Church Teachings	Social Doctrine 122: <i>...new reality ...Jesus Christ gives us...is that reality of communion with the Trinitarian God to which (we) have always been oriented in the depths of (our) being, thanks to (our) creaturely likeness to God.</i> 149: <i>The human person is essentially a social being because God, who created humanity, willed it so.</i> 151: <i>The social nature of human beings is not uniform but is expressed in many different ways.</i> Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, USCCB