YOU ALWAYS HAVE
A FRIEND
IN JESUS
for Girls

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The only thing better than a friend... is a best friend. You know, someone you can spend hours and hours together with and never run out of things to talk about or exciting things to do. A best friend is someone you like, trust, count on, and spend as much time with as you possibly can—as much as your parents will allow.

But friendships are with people, and many times they let you down. Maybe they turn on you or turn away from you. Maybe they drop you cold as a friend. And sadly, maybe they move away.

But the good news is Jesus will never let you down. He is a friend forever. And Jesus will never turn on you or turn away from you, or drop you as His friend. And Jesus will never move away and leave you. Jesus is your forever friend.

You probably already know that Jesus is a very special person. That’s an understatement, because He is the most special person who ever lived! That’s why you won’t read very far in the New Testament books of the Bible—especially Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John—before you discover that the stories of Jesus contain many life lessons
and show you character qualities about Jesus and His relationship with people. He always treated people with kindness and helped and healed many who were sick. He even raised some people from the dead!

Jesus was also the greatest teacher who ever lived and the greatest person who ever lived. His life, death, and resurrection from the dead have transformed the lives of millions of people since He returned to heaven almost 2000 years ago.

Are you thinking, Yes, I know Jesus is a special person, but what does this mean to me? Well, to begin to answer this question, think about this: The greatest of all people who have ever lived—Jesus Christ—wants to get to know you and become your friend. Look at what happened to some of the people who followed Jesus—to them He said:

_I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you_ (John 15:15).

Can you think of some nice things that might happen if Jesus was your friend? List them here:

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Fun in God’s Word!

It’s always good to know the person who says he or she wants to be your friend. So let’s take a few minutes and have some fun in God’s Word as we get to know J-E-S-U-S.

Jesus is the Son of God. Many kids—and adults too—get confused when Jesus is called “the Son of God.” They think this means that Jesus was not God, but was only God’s Son, which makes them think that Jesus is someone less than God. But read the verse below and answer this question: How did these people respond when Jesus announced He was the Son of God?

For this reason [the Jews] tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God (John 5:18).

According to John 20:31, what is the purpose of the Gospel of John, or the book of John?

These [things—the words and messages in the Gospel of John] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.
According to the rest of John 20:31, what is the result of believing Jesus is the Son of God?

...that by believing you may have life in his name.

Thomas, one of the Jesus’ disciples, heard Jesus say He was “the Son of God.” He also heard others call Jesus by that title. What did Thomas call Jesus, knowing He was “the Son of God”?

Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28 NASB).

Jesus is truly special because He is God who made heaven and earth. He created the first people on planet Earth, Adam and Eve. He had a special relationship with them. And now Jesus, who was God in human flesh, wants to be your friend. That’s pretty cool, right? Actually, that’s epic!

What else did Jesus do? Read on to discover that He...

Entered this world as a baby. God is Spirit, which means He does not have a body. Since the time everything was created, God has wanted to have a personal connection with people. Jesus came as a baby to make that connection possible.
relationship with the people He has created. To make that possible, He had to became a man. Read the verses below and write out how God became a man.

You [Mary] will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus (Luke 1:31).

Now look at the many exciting descriptions of what this “child” would become and accomplish.

— He will be great and
— will be called the Son of the Most High.
— The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and
— he will reign over Jacob’s descendants;
— his kingdom will never end (Luke 1:32-33).

How does your impression and understanding of Jesus need to be corrected or changed, based on these descriptions of Jesus as God?

The angel promised Mary that a baby would be born. According to the verses below, where did the angel tell the shepherds they could find this very special baby?
Today in the town of David [Bethlehem] a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (Luke 1:11-12).

Once Jesus was born, He was God in a human body. He was a human person, like you and me. But He was also God, and He possessed all of the qualities of God, which means Jesus possessed a perfect, sinless nature. He was and is 100 percent God and 100 percent man. Jesus also...

Sacrificed Himself for His friends. It takes a very special friend to be willing to die for another person. And yet that is what Jesus said He was willing to do for His friends and you. According to John 15:13, what is the proof of the greatest love in the world?

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (John 15:13).
How did Jesus demonstrate His love for His friends—and you—according to Romans 5:8?

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Unites His friends with God’s heavenly family. Jesus wants to be your friend, but with that friendship comes an additional relationship. What does God the Father want to do through your friendship with His Son?

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure* (Ephesians 1:5 NLT).

When you come into God’s family through your friendship with Jesus, what gift does the Father give to you, according to Galatians 4:6 (NLT)?

*Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.”*
What an awesome truth—When Jesus becomes your friend, He comes to live in your heart!

Secures eternal life for His friends. Jesus offers His friends a special kind of life—eternal life. Eternal means lasting forever. It means having no end. What do you need to do to receive eternal life, to receive this life that has no ending?

*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him [Jesus] shall not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16).

Do you believe that Jesus is God and that He died for your sins? If so, God the Father wants you as a friend for His Son!

What a Friend You Have in Jesus!

Throughout this book you will read many stories from Jesus’ life that are found in the Bible. They will help you understand that God came to this earth as a man so He could provide an opportunity for you to be His friend. Each chapter you read will show you how superspecial it is to be God’s friend through His Son, Jesus.
Jesus Is Your Friend

In this chapter we had some fun in God’s Word learning that J-E-S-U-S is God, and J-E-S-U-S wants to have a personal relationship with you and be your friend. Think about how special your friend J-E-S-U-S is as you write out the points for each letter. (I’ll get you started with “J”)

Jesus is the Son of God and He...

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Write out one thing you liked, learned, or want to do after discovering that Jesus wants to be your forever friend.

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A Prayer to Pray

Jesus, it’s hard to make a friend and to be a friend. Thank You for wanting to be my friend. I’m so glad that I can receive You into my heart and be Your friend even before we meet in heaven. Amen.