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## Jesus wants his friends to tell others about him.

**Reference:** Matthew 28: 18-20, Mark 16:15

**Main Point:** Jesus wants his friends to tell others about him. To help them to know him and become his friends too.

### Activities to do together:

#### 1. Talking

During a meal, before sleep time, while crafting, or playtime etc., **talk** with your child about some good news that your family has to tell or has told others (eg., new baby, new pet, your birthday, a wedding, special family celebration, outing or holiday, something learned at EV Kids or church).

Discuss **who** you told or are going to tell, **how** you told them or will tell them and **why**.

Finish the discussion by saying "It's so good to be able to share some exciting news with our friends and family. But, guess what, we have some even more exciting news to share. The best news that anyone could hear! This good news comes from the Bible and Jesus wants us to share it. He wants his friends, like you and me, to tell others about him and help them to become Jesus' friends too.

#### 2. Drawing:

Ask your child what they think the good news is and **what** they can tell people about Jesus. Together draw (maybe using symbols) these things on paper, chalkboard etc. They could also draw **the people** they could talk to about Jesus and **where** they would find those people ( home, Preschool, sport, dancing, family and friend's homes etc.)

#### 3. Imaginative play

If you have some type of construction blocks or sets like Duplo or Lego, toy planes, boats, trains etc. make an airport, harbour or station with the children. Make believe flying out of the airport, or sailing out of the harbour around the world to different countries or leaving the station for different parts of NSW or Australia. As the children play, talk about how God made and loves people all over the world and wants people everywhere to know about him.

#### 4. Discovery Learning - People on God's Mission

If you have them, show your child a globe/world map and some photographs of our link missionaries. (*You will find some photographs of our missionaries and information about the countries they serve in at the back of our Bible Study notes*) . Talk to your child about what a missionary is and what they do (*someone who tells others about Jesus*). When you have finished looking at these things, ask your child to look in a mirror. Ask who they can see? And talk about how we can tell others about Jesus too! Talk about who they might be able to share the good news of Jesus with.

**Bible:** Retell Jesus' command to his disciples - "The Great Commission", found in **Matthew 28:18-20**, and **Mark 16:15** to your child.

### Discussion:

**1. What did Jesus want his friends, the disciples, to do?** (*Jesus wanted his friends, the disciples, to tell as many people as they could, the good news about him and help them to become his friends too*).

**2. Are you Jesus' friend? Do you think he wants you to tell people who don't know him, the good news about him and to help them become his friends too?** (*Yes. Jesus wants people everywhere to become his friends and to live with him as their king. He wants the people who are already his friends, to help others become his friends too*).



**3. Can you think of someone you'd like to tell about Jesus today? Someone you'd like to help become a friend of Jesus?** *(family members, adult or child friends, teachers).*

**4. The things we know about Jesus are called the "Good News" in the Bible. What good news could you tell people about Jesus?**

*(Jesus is God's Mighty Son. He is the king of heaven and earth and he can do things we can't do, God who is holy, strong and mighty sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin problem, Jesus died on the cross to fix our sin problem, God raised Jesus from the dead, Our sin is forgiven when we trust in Jesus and we can live forever with God, Friends of Jesus follow Jesus. They change so they want to listen to him and love others.)*

**5. Is there anything better than being a friend of Jesus?** *(No! Being a friend of Jesus is the best. He is amazing!)*

**Pray together:**

Dear God,

Thank you that you loved us so much that you sent your son Jesus. Thank you that Jesus died for us and that you raised him back to life to be the king of heaven and earth. Please help us to tell people about Jesus so that they can become Jesus' friends too and live with him as their king. Amen

**Memory verse:** John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Ideas for sermon time:**

1. Watch this week's video for under 5's.
2. Write Matthew 28:19 "Go and make disciples of all nations!" on a piece of paper or thin card. Have the children decorate with stickers, stamps or drawings, using textas, coloured pencils, or crayons.
3. Imaginative play. If the children have not done this activity yet, they could use construction blocks, Duplo or Lego, toy planes, boats, trains etc. to make an airport, harbour or station. Maybe with the help of an older brother or sister they could pretend their planes are flying out of the airport, or their boats are sailing out of the harbour, around the world to different countries, or their trains are leaving the station for different parts of NSW or Australia.
4. An [activity page](#) to print and colour.