



Cumbria Bible Challenge

Finding a Friend Collective Worship

You've got a friend in me song or video clip playing to start. (You've got a friend in me– Toy Story. Randy Newman) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIYOJ_hSs0o

“Hello, today we are going to be thinking a bit about friends. Hands up if you have a friend? Good. Hands up if you have ever made a new friend? Great. Hands up if you have ever been the one to go over to someone and make the first move in becoming new friends? Fabulous!

I don't know about you– but I think having friends is pretty fabulous.

Winnie the Pooh said this to Christopher Robin, his best friend– if you live to be a hundred, I want to live to a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you”

I wonder what makes a good friend?” “I know, lets make a recipe to make a good friend”

Get a volunteer to be the chef, and as you take responses from the children, ask them to add the required amount into the bowl.

(have a table with a mixing bowl and some vessels filled with juice or jams etc..jars, spoons, tubes with labels on– kindness, listening, honesty, trust, patience, forgiveness, encouragement, respect, loyalty, fun. Have a few spare in-case you need to create new ingredients. **You should be able to fit most things into the list provided.**

After the children are happy– make sure you add the missing ingredients– talking a little bit about the qualities and why/how they are important.

You could ask the chef to try it. Thank them and get them to return to their seat.

The Message:

John 13:34

“Jesus talks about being a good friend in the Bible quite a lot. He shows us how to be a good friend too. Jesus became friends with Zacchaeus the tax collector– do you remember him? The little man who took money from people he shouldn't have? (elaborate on the story if its unfamiliar– but only if this is after the CBC class has taken place)

Jesus says in the Bible that we must love one another as He loved us.

Jesus wants us to be great friends to one another, and He wants us to be great friend with Him too.



Reflection: Prayer

“Let’s just close our eyes for a moment, lets think of what we have heard about friendship today. I wonder what kind of a friend you are? **PAUSE** I wonder if you need any of those ingredients from our recipe. Kindness, listening, honesty, trust, patience, forgiveness, encouragement, respect, loyalty and fun. **PAUSE**

If you want to, you could just quietly in your mind ask God to help you to be the best friend you can be. Jesus thank you that you came to earth to show us how to be a kind and loving friend to others. Help us to follow your example. Amen”

Worship song:

Use the video/song from the start as a song to close.