

## JESUS CALLS US FRIENDS

### Jesus Chose Me

Jesus says to me:

"I chose you."

*adapted from John 15:16*

Jesus chose me.

Jesus loves me.

He wants me to be his friend.

He wants me to be happy.

**Glue** your picture in the frame.  
Tell about yourself by writing on the lines.



My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

My eyes are \_\_\_\_\_.

My hair is \_\_\_\_\_.

I like \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE BIBLE

### He Tells Us How to Be Good Friends

Jesus says:

"You are my friends  
if you do the things I tell you."

*adapted from John 15:14*

This is what I want you to do:

love God

love one another

**Write** the missing words on the lines.



## GOD CALLS US TO FORGIVENESS

The Holy Bible tells us many wonderful stories about God's forgiveness.

**Read** these words of forgiveness from the Bible.

"Happy is the person whose sin is taken away."

*adapted from Psalm 32:1*

"We know that we are saved by God because our sins are forgiven."

*adapted from Luke 1:77*

"In Jesus we are forgiven because of his great love for us."

*adapted from Ephesians 1:7*



## The Good Shepherd

Jesus said,

"A good shepherd had a hundred sheep.

He loved all of them.

One ran away and got lost.

The shepherd went out to look for it.

When he found the sheep, he carried it home with joy.

He called his friends and said,

'Rejoice with me.

I have found my sheep that was lost.'"

Jesus then said,

"There will be more joy in heaven for the one sinner who repents than for 99 people who do not need to repent."

*adapted from Luke 15:1-7*



## Zacchaeus

One day Jesus was passing through the town of Jericho. A rich tax collector named Zacchaeus lived there. He was eager to see Jesus, but the crowd was so large and Zacchaeus was so short that he couldn't see anything. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by.

When Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was, he looked up into the tree and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus could hardly believe it. He hurried down and welcomed Jesus with great joy. He started to take Jesus to his home.

However, some of the people in the crowd complained when they saw what happened. They knew that tax collectors often cheated people out of their money. "Jesus has gone to stay at the house of a sinner," they said.

But something happened when Jesus was at Zacchaeus's house. Zacchaeus was sorry for the times he had cheated people out of their money, so he stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, sir. I am going to give half of all I own to the poor. If I have cheated anybody, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "The blessing of God has come to this house today."

*adapted from Luke 19:1-10*



**Here is a picture of my favorite story of forgiveness:**



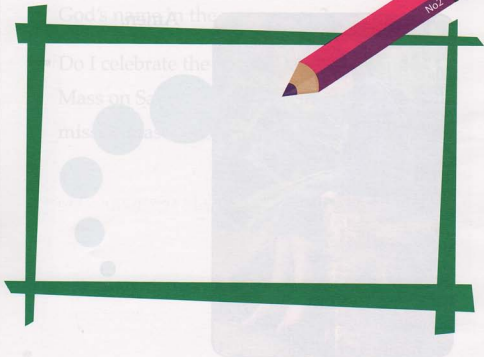


**Write** a prayer of sorrow.

This is my own "I'm Sorry" prayer.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. The lines are intended for writing a prayer of sorrow.

**Draw** a picture to show how you feel when you are forgiven.





## THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US

### I Pray to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit,

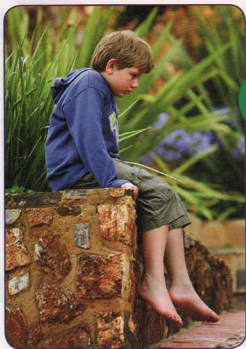
Help me to know how I have loved.

Help me to know how I have failed  
to love.

Help me to be sorry for failing to love.

Help me to trust  
in God's loving forgiveness.

Amen.



## I Look into My Heart

Jesus says:

"Love God with your whole heart,  
with your whole soul,  
and with all your mind."

*adapted from Matthew 22:37*

### How much do I love God?

- Do I pray to God? How often?
- Do I think about God when I pray?
- Do I say God's name with love? Have I used God's name in the wrong way?
- Do I celebrate the Lord's Day by praying at Mass on Saturday night or Sunday? Have I missed Mass through my own fault?