

Lesson 28

Pictures of Jesus

Friend



Jesus speaks to a man as a friend.

John 15:14, 17 | “You are my friends if you do what I command. This is my command: Love each other.”

John 13:34 | “As I (*Jesus*) have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Ephesians 5:2 | “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a sacrifice to God.”

A friend is a person you like and who you can trust. A friend stays with you in good times and bad times. A friend tries hard to help you and not hurt you. If a friend hurts you, you forgive him and if you hurt your friend, he forgives you. A good friend is a blessing.

Jesus tells us that we will be friends with Him if we obey His command. What will Jesus ask us to do? Will it be something we will not want to do? The answer is that Jesus commands us to do what He already has done and that is: love each other.

Jesus is our greatest picture of God's love. God the Father knew we could not save ourselves from our sins and so He sent His Son Jesus to save us. Jesus came down from heaven, lived a perfect life and died on the cross because He loves us. Jesus loves us even when we have done something bad. Jesus is the best friend we could ever have.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for being our friend. It is wonderful to have a friend like You. You will always love us and be with us. Help us to love others just as You asked us to. Amen