

LESSON PLAN

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Luke 10:38 – 11:52

Lesson Memory Verse; Luke 10:39 - "And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word."

Lesson Aim: To teach each child the need for fellowship with God.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Ask the children how many have someone that they would call their "BEST FRIEND." Ask them to tell you what they do with their best friend. (Keep their answers short.) You will be looking for answers that correspond to the things they should be doing with God, if He is their "BEST FRIEND." Some things to look for: talking to each other (prayer and reading the Bible), work together (serve God with His help), going to the friend's house (going to church), eat together (find the answers in your Bible lesson worksheet), play together (enjoy the presence of God), etc. You may suggest some other things that they did not mention. PLEASE NOTE: As you get their answers, do not make the application to their fellowship with God at this time. Just keep the applications in your mind for later in the lesson.

HE (for Authority): After a good discussion about friends and what everyone does with his best friends, you are ready to say, "Today we want to talk about the "BEST FRIEND" anyone could have. Does anyone know who this "BEST FRIEND" is? (Someone should guess that it is Jesus Christ or God.) In the Bible we find two wonderful ladies who had Jesus as their "BEST FRIEND." One day He came to their house. We can read about it in Luke 10:38-39). (Read verses.) Tell me who the two ladies were that had Jesus as their "BEST FRIEND." (Mary and Martha) Both of them loved to hear Jesus tell them about the things of God, but Mary was better at listening to Jesus than Martha. That is why we are going to memorize Luke 10:39. It will help us to remember that we should be like Mary and listen to Jesus speak to us. If Jesus is our "BEST FRIEND," you can listen to Him speak to you from the Bible.'

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In our lesson today there are several stories that will help us learn how we can make Jesus our "BEST FRIEND.'

I. Listening to the BEST FRIEND (Luke 10:38-42

When Jesus came with His disciples into the village where Mary and Martha lived, Martha invited them to come into their home. Both Martha and Mary enjoyed having fellowship with Jesus, but Martha got busy in the kitchen preparing food for all of her guests to eat. It was a big job and Mary was not helping her. She was sitting at Jesus' feet listening to Him. She was having fellowship with Jesus, while Mary was working in the kitchen preparing food. So Martha went to Jesus and asked Him, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to serve? Tell her to help me."

Jesus' answer probably surprised her and it maybe will surprise you. He said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things; but one thing is needed and Mary has made the right choice, which will not be taken away from her." Jesus was telling her that fellowship with Him was more important than preparing food. You may wonder why Jesus would say that to Martha. Did He expect both of them to sit at His feet and have fellowship with Him? If so, who would feed Him and His disciples? Well, how did the 5000 men get fed? And the 4000? Could He do it again in this home? What do you think?

WE: We should have fellowship with Jesus before we do anything else. Food does need to be prepared, but fellowship with Jesus should come first. He is God. Read the Bible until you learn

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something helpful. This is how Jesus will talk to you. Then pray and tell Him how much you love Him and thank Him for the good things that He has given to you, especially for saving you from the penalty of your sins. Now you can pray for the needs of others and for your own needs. If you follow this plan each day, you will have fellowship with Jesus each day.

II. Learning from the BEST FRIEND (Luke 11:1-4)

One day after the disciples heard Jesus pray, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. I will tell you how Jesus taught them to pray to God. It is a prayer for older believers, but you can learn some things that will help you to pray better. This is what Jesus taught His disciples:

“Our Father which art in Heaven” – talk to God in Heaven as your own loving Father.

“Hallowed be thy name” – respect Him; His name is holy, which means He is holy.

“Thy Kingdom come” – Ask God to send Jesus Christ with His Kingdom of believers to the earth.

Then God’s will is going to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

“Give us our daily bread” – God will give you food for each day, so be sure to thank Him for it.

“Forgive us our sins” – God will forgive you, if you will forgive those who sin against you.

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” – pray for His protection from Satan.

WE: We need to learn how to pray to our Father in Heaven for the things Jesus mentioned in this prayer. Then we will pray about things important to our Father and our fellowship will be close.

III. Leaning on the BEST FRIEND (Luke 11:5-13)

Jesus told His disciples a story about how they could lean on God in prayer and He would give them the things they needed. Jesus asked His disciples, if one of them had a friend, would he go to him at midnight and ask him for three loaves of bread to set before a traveling friend that had just arrived? Since he had no food and desperately needed his neighbor’s help, he would beg for him to give him bread. His friend would not want to help him at that hour of the night. He was in bed and his children were tucked in around him. It was too much trouble to get out of bed, disturb the children and give him the bread that he needed. But after much pleading, he would get up and give him the bread that he needed.

So Jesus encouraged his disciples to keep asking God and they would receive; keep seeking Him and they would find; and keep knocking and it would be opened to them. (The Greek words can have the sense of repeated action, which fits Jesus’ story very well.) He also said that they will receive the things that they asked for and not some vile thing like a stone for bread, or a snake for a fish, or a scorpion for an egg. God is a good Father and gives His children what they need.

WE: We can be sure that God is more willing to give us the things we need than any other friend because He is our “BEST FRIEND.” If we are in close fellowship with Him, we will ask for the things that please Him. But sometimes He will wait before He gives it to us, because it may not be good for us to receive it at that time. Other times He will wait because He wants us to be sure we really want it enough to keep on asking for it. We can lean on our “BEST FRIEND” when we really need something, and He will support us and not let us fall.

BE (for Action): Friends like to talk to each other. Lead the children to a decision to read the Bible so God can talk to them, and to pray so they can talk to God. Friends also like to be with each other. It is great to go to your friend’s house. When God is your Friend, you will want to go to His house. What do you do at your friend’s house? You enjoy being with each other to talk, play and eat. When you are in God’s house, enjoy being with Him to learn new things about Him in the Bible lessons, memory verses and songs that are sung. Listen to the pastor as he preaches about God and His plans for us. God is a wonderful Friend to know. (Close with an invitation for your students to be a good friend to God.)