



DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S MISSIONARIES



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Relationship With God: Growing as a Child of God

OBJECTIVE:

To help the child develop a deep love for and friendship with God and His Son Jesus.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

Once you have invited Christ into your life, it is important to develop your relationship (friendship) with Him. Think about your best friend at school or church. In order to keep your friendship close and special, you need to talk and spend time with him or her often. God *always* wants to be your BEST FRIEND. He has great things planned for you. To discover His plans and learn how much He really loves you, spend time with Him every day. When you do, you will learn to love Him more. There are many things you can do to be God's friend. To get started, follow the **G... R... O... W... T... H...** steps below:

Go to church often, at least every week, to learn about God and listen to His voice.

Read your Bible every day. Get a Bible or devotional book that you can read. These are good tools to help you discover God's promises. When you read a verse or chapter that speaks directly to you, underline or highlight it. Keep a list of your favorite verses in a notebook. Memorize as many Bible verses as you can (writing them in your notebook and repeating them out loud may help).

Obey. Obeying your parents is one of God's commandments (Exodus 20:12). It is also important to obey teachers and other people in authority. However, it doesn't stop there. Sometimes God talks to you through other people, like a Sunday School teacher or pastor. When you hear God's voice, ask Him to help you obey. Then, do as He says.

Witness. You can be a witness in your home, school, and neighborhood. Start telling people you know about Jesus and His forgiveness. Let them know Jesus died on the cross to take away their sins and show them how much they are loved. Tell them they can be forgiven of their sins when they accept what Jesus did.

Thank God when you pray because He never forgets His promises. Praise Him when you pray because He is good. When you see that God is good and remembers His promises, write it down. This will help you to be thankful.

