

Jesus, Our Loving Friend

1. Icebreaker: My closest friend right now is...
2. Ask each person to report back on the action she or he took during the week to heal someone.
3. Discuss: what do you look for in a friend?
4. Discuss: could you really live your life without friends?
5. Ask the teenagers to close their eyes and play some classical music in the background as you read John 15:11 to 17. Allow the music to continue to play for a minute or two after you finish the reading.
6. Discuss the five questions that relate to the reading.
7. Go over the five characteristics and five values of Jesus that the teenagers come up with.
8. Discuss seven and eight from the teen sheet.
9. Ask each teen to pick out something she or he can do during the week to reach out to a friend.