

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

God's people, making friends

God is at work in the world. As Christians, who believe in God, and want to follow Jesus, we have work to do too. One of our most important jobs is to be good friends!

Friends have fun together. More important, they help each other when things get bad. Obviously, we all need friends. Sometimes we like to be alone, but not all the time – that gets lonely! Sometimes our friends make us mad, or sad, or worried – but we always feel better when we talk and make up, right?

It's the same thing with people all over the world. No matter who they are or where they live, they love having friends. Can you imagine being friends with people who live really far away, and who are sure they wouldn't like you at all? (For example, in Afghanistan?)

Jesus loved his friends, and spent a lot of time with them. He kept making new friends, too – sometimes with people whom other people did not like at all.

Can you follow his example? There are many people hungry for friendship – in your school, in your church, in your neighborhood, in the world.

All people are children of God, and God loves them all. But when there is war and trouble, love sometimes gets forgotten. Think about walking around the world, and helping God with the big work of making us all friends. What would you like to do, to help God make a better world? Write some ideas in the space below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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Companionship
in
Mission

_____ **kameradschaft** _____ *la camaraderie*
_____ *a companhia* _____
_____ **compañerismo** _____ *Accompagnare*
_____ *társaság* _____ **伴侶** _____ *Companheirismo*
compañerismo _____ *Kufambapanive* _____ **sodalitas** _____ *Pren bilong yu* _____

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Match the Opposites

Look at the words in Column A. Now look at the words in Column B. Each word in Column A has its opposite in Column B. These words have a lot to do with being companions in mission, helping to bring people together in the world.

Match each word in Column A with its opposite in Column B, and draw a line between the two. Think about the words you like, and the ones you don't. Think about what they mean for friends, and for God. Think about how you feel, making the connections.

Column A

LOVE
QUIT
TEACH
LITTLE
PEACE
HARD
IGNORE
COME
ENEMY
SHOW
FOLLOW
TALK
TAKE
SAFETY
ALONE
SAD
TRUST
BAD
SHARE
HURT
SEND

Column B

LISTEN
HAPPY
HIDE
VISIT
RECEIVE
JOIN
DANGER
KEEP
GOOD
FEAR
LOTS
HELP
GO
LEARN
HATE
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