

 *A NEW, exciting and accessible parish programme for children 5-11 years old to help them grow in faith*

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

This programme is part of *Living and Sharing Our Faith: A National Project for Catechesis and Religious Education*. It has been written by adult advisors from the Dioceses of England and Wales, following wide consultation.

- It has been developed from, and replaces, *Walk With Me*.
- It is an all inclusive programme with ideas for provision for children with special needs.
- *Bishop Edwin writes: "In your sessions, you will learn more about what it means to be a friend of Jesus, who is our friend that will never change or let us down".*
- Complementary to this programme are the National Project resources *God's Story* and *Church's Story* and also the interactive resource *Friends of Jesus* by IMFH Publications.
- Symbol supported text including lotto games, prayers etc. are available as 'I Call You Friends' downloadable pack from: www.widgit.com/resources.



Full colour / Softback / A4 / 32 pages (approx.)

- **Activity Book 1** (Pre-First Communion) 6.95 each
- **Activity Book 2** (Post-First Communion) 6.95 each
- **Activity Book 3** (Initiation into the Church for Children) 6.95 each

Black & white / Softback / A4 / 80 pages (approx.)

- **Leader's Book 1** £14.95 each
- **Leader's Book 2** £14.95 each
- **Leader's Book 3** £14.95 each

Music to accompany each session (64 songs)

CDs 1-3, vocal & accompaniment / CD 4, accompaniment only (piano)

- **Music (4 CD set)** £24.95 inc. VAT



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THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES

Activity Books



Activity Book 1

For children pre-First Communion.



Activity Book 2

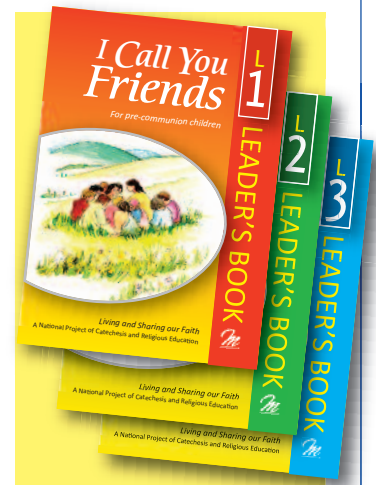
For children who have received their First Communion.



Activity Book 3

For children 8-11 years who are preparing to become a Catholic. Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age (CICCA).

Leader's Books



Music - 4 CD set



SAMPLE SESSION (Leader's book)



SESSION 1: **Myself**

God knows and loves each one of us

Before you begin

Reflect on what this means to you:

O Lord you search me and you know me, you know when I sit or lie down, you understand my thoughts from afar.

Scripture: Psalm 139 v. 1-3

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 30 ... *God never ceases to call everyone to seek Him, so as to find life and happiness.*

This is what you are trying to communicate

God made me and loves me as I am.

There is no one else like me, I have a special name that is mine. God made me to share his love in a special way.

You will need:

- God's Story 1 pages 22-23, prayer focus, with a drape, candle, picture of Jesus, card and pens, crayons, stickers, blu-tak, workbooks, a variety of simple religious pictures or outlines to decorate the workbooks.

- IMFH 'Look at me' on CD

How we might go about it

Welcome and gathering

Short moment of stillness, with some music or a bell, whilst the candle is being lit by an adult. Make the Sign of the Cross.

Prayer: Jesus is here with us, *Jesus loves me very much* (children repeat), a naming song or something similar.

Let's share

Ask everyone to say their name, and write it on the card for them or have the children write their own names.

Ask them to put it on the prayer table and say: - *I am...*

Some key questions to think about

- ‡ Who gave you your name?
- ‡ Why is your name special?

Let's discover

God's Story 1 pages 22-23 You are precious to me. I call you by your name. You are my child (use the notes on page 45-46).

Ask some questions about the picture.

This is God's message to you.

God says: *"I love you. I know you. I know your name. I call you by your name. You are my child".*

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Activities

Provide a variety of stickers for example; nature, sports, foods, cartoon characters, animals etc.

Encourage the children to personalise their name cards with the things that are special to them.

- A. Give out the name card, some crayons and stickers (for those children who cannot use crayons). Some children may write their own names and / or a sentence like God calls me... Ask each child to decorate their card.
They can take it home to remember to pray each day.
- B. Introduce Psalm 139 (God's Story 2 page 36), especially the first verse 'You love me and you know me', ask the children to make a response to this in writing or drawing. Give out the workbooks and talk about how they might be used. Invite the children to decorate them.

Reflect and connect

Gather round the prayer focus have a quiet prayerful moment; invite each person including the leader to put their names on the prayer focus as well as Jesus' name as Jesus is with us. Each might say something like: - *I am (name)...* and together say *'I love Jesus and Jesus loves me very much.'*

Sing My God loves me CFE 499.

With parents

Try to remember to say this prayer with your child each morning and each night.

Activity book

Talk about the relevant page in the workbook.

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