

## The Life of Jesus: Friends of Jesus

You may go in any direction, up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally, but you must not skip any letters. You may use letters more than once.

How many friends of Jesus can you find? There are 22. Consult the list if you get stuck.

There are 35 letters left over when you have found all the names. Read these letters from left to right, line by line, and you will find a promise which Jesus made to his friends. What is it?

A	N	D	W	E	H	T	T	A	M	C	L	E	O	P	A	S	L
S	I	M	O	N	O	F	C	Y	R	E	N	E	O	N	I	U	A
U	M	W	E	M	O	L	O	H	T	R	A	B	H	W	I	E	T
E	E	S	I	R	A	H	P	E	H	T	N	O	M	I	S	A	H
A	N	D	R	E	W	Y	S	E	M	A	J	O	U	A	U	D	S
M	L	M	S	I	M	O	N	T	H	E	L	E	P	E	R	D	A
I	M	A	R	Y	M	A	G	D	A	L	E	N	E	W	A	A	M
T	L	R	A	Y	S	T	S	U	E	A	H	C	C	A	Z	H	O
R	E	T	E	P	N	O	M	I	S	O	T	H	E	E	A	T	H
A	V	H	N	S	I	M	O	N	T	H	E	Z	E	A	L	O	T
B	I	A	D	O	Y	N	A	H	T	E	B	F	O	Y	R	A	M
F	T	I	M	E	P	I	L	I	H	P	A	N	N	A	S	U	S

*Friends of Jesus*

Simon of Cyrene. Mark 15.21

Andrew. John 1.40. Mark 3.18. John 6.8

Simon Peter. John 1.35-42. Matthew 4.18 and 19. Mark 1.16 and 29-31. Mark 9.2-8. Mark 8.27-33. Matthew 16.13-20. Mark 14.26-72. John 21.1-25. Acts 1-12 and 15

James, brother of John. Mark 1.19 and 20. Mark 3.17. Luke 9.51-56. Mark 10.35-45. Mark 9.2-8

John, brother of James. Mark 1.19 and 20. Mark 3.17. Luke 9.51-56. Mark 10.35-45. Mark 9.2-8

Philip. Matthew 10.3. John 6.5-7

Bartholomew. Matthew 10.3

Thomas. Matthew 10.3. John 20.24-29

Matthew. Mark 2.14-17. Matthew 9.9. Luke 6.15

Levi (probably Matthew)

Thaddaeus. Mark 3.18 (Possibly same as Judas son of James. Luke 6.16)

Simon the Zealot (Simon the Canaanite). Luke 6.15. Mark 3.18

Bartimaeus. Mark 10.46-52

Cleopas. Luke 24.13-35

Lazarus. John 11.1-44

Martha. Luke 10.38-42. John 11.1-44

Mary Magdalene. Luke 8.1-3. Mark 16.9. John 20.11-18

Mary of Bethany. Luke 10.38-42. John 11.1-44. John 12.1-8

Simon the Leper. Mark 14.3. Matthew 26.6-13

Simon the Pharisee. Luke 7.36-50

Susanna. Luke 8.3

Zacchaeus. Luke 19.1-10

As a following lesson, students may like to take one or more of these friends of Jesus and find out about them. The references have been selected with such an exercise in mind. Each child could take on a character and give an 'eye-witness' account of meetings with Jesus. Possibly Simon the Pharisee and Simon the leper were the same person so it is recommended that the teacher does not set a child the task of dealing with these characters unless the teacher is well versed in the Biblical material and can handle the relationship of the synoptic gospels. Omitting these two in the follow-up lesson also avoids repeating stories of ladies with ointment, leaving Mary of Bethany as the sample of such accounts.

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