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# “Sharing about Christ with Friends”

Children’s Sermon Object Lesson on John 1:29-42

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## Children’s Message: Friends of Christ

Sharing Jesus with one another

**Main Objective:** Kids are certainly no strangers to telling others about things that are important to them. It’s important to remind them of how important Christ should be in their lives, and to communicate how we ought to share His love with one another. This message uses the act of sharing to emphasize how we can tell others of Jesus.

**Law/Gospel Theme:** Jesus came to live among us and die for us to take away the guilty stain of our sins. This is great news! Just as the first disciples eagerly told others about Jesus, we should be so excited about the Gospel that we want to share it with other people, too.

**Object Lesson Prop and Optional Materials:** Something to share: this could be a homemade treat, a store bought bag of candy, a bag of stickers, or a large item that needs broken up. The idea is that sharing is better than keeping it to yourself, and you want the kids to partake in it with you.

**Bible Passage:** John 1:29-42

**Message:** Note: As with most messages, the details of how you choose to communicate this are adaptable and should cater to timing as well as to your audience and student needs. Use what best suits you and those you teach.

- See our new [John 1:29-42 Sunday School lesson](#)
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# Children's Sermon (John 1:29-42)

## Disciples Sharing Christ

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*Greet the children, carrying a bag or box of something.*

Hello, children of God! Guess what? I brought something with me today that I just cannot wait to share with you! So I have been trying out some different recipes to make things, and they don't always come out successfully. But this time I made something that turned out super yummy! These treats didn't burn, they didn't fall flat, they aren't too goopy, they are just right. And I'm so excited that they came out nicely that I want to share them with you!

In fact, the recipe actually made a pretty big batch, so I think I really need to share them with you. Otherwise I'll have too many. If I eat these all by myself, I might not feel very well afterwards. Will you help me to enjoy these? It's really more fun when I get to have company for munching, anyway...

Well, I will give you a cookie in just a minute (*if necessary, this can be an "after service is finished" incentive*), but first I want to talk about sharing things. We often hear how important it is to share things like toys, or crayons, or even attention of people we want to talk to. But do you know what it means to share Jesus??

Let me ask you this: who is someone you would like to meet? Someone you'd be super excited to see if they walked in the room? (*Allow for responses*)

I'll bet if you met someone that famous, you would be so thrilled that you would want to tell your friends and other people about it, right? Well, that happened when Jesus began His ministry on Earth.

John the Baptist was one of the first people to realize who Jesus was and how important He was. John was so excited that He pointed Jesus out to others and told them that they were looking at the lamb of God. They ran after Jesus, and when they met Him and understood who He was, they went to tell others about Him, too.

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Meeting Jesus was something they didn't want to keep to themselves, and they couldn't wait to tell others who they had found.

You know, we should be just as eager to tell people this good news of Jesus. Knowing that He died for us is amazing. Think about it: the God who created the whole universe came to live as a person, and gave up His life so that we could be adopted into His family and live as children of God!

That's kind of mind-blowing, really. It's something that should give us joy and hope, so much so that we want to share it. We want others to know God's love, too. And there are many ways we can do that. We can use our words to tell others about Jesus, of course. But we can also share through our actions, by doing kind things and just demonstrating that we care about people.

It might start with just a few people, but it can spread to more so that many can hear the great news we have! Will you pray with me about that? (*Distribute treats if appropriate, or remind kids to meet you later.*)

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## Children's Prayer Moment

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(Have kids repeat each line)

Dear God,

Thank you for the love of Jesus

Help us to remember the great news of His death and resurrection

Help us to share that good news with one another

And to be excited about sharing it!

Thank you that we can be disciples, too.

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!

In Jesus's name, Amen!



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# John 1:29-42 (NIV)

## John Testifies About Jesus and John's Disciples Follow Jesus

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29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

[John 1:29-42](#)



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