

**John 15:** 9-17 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear

fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

## **Icebreaker**

Tell a story about one of your best childhood friends.

## **Conversation Guide**

1. What is the best part of friendship in your opinion?

Have someone read the Scripture above.

- 2. Is friendship with Jesus a strange idea for you? Normal? Nothing you have thought much about but kind of believe or something else?
- 3. Is there a time you felt a close friendship with Jesus? When? What was it like? Were there circumstances that contributed to the strength of your friendship?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus wants to be your friend?