



Martha and Mary

Rev. Maynard showed us He Qi's painting that shows the time when Jesus went to the house of a family who had shown kindness and friendship. Jesus wanted the sisters, Mary and Martha to make time for their friendship to grow.

The Five Friends

We heard about the five friends who worked together to help lower their sick friend through a roof to see Jesus.

Friendship Bracelets

Mrs Thackway helped us to make a big friendship bracelet, showing that we need to work together and that we are stronger together. Plaiting the strands of the bracelet takes time and effort, just like building a good friendship.

Pentecost

When Jesus was preparing his disciples for the time when he would be leaving to go to be with his father in heaven, he told them that God would send the Holy Spirit to be their friend and counsellor.



After being filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples were full of excitement and courage. God had sent them a friend, a comforter, a counsellor. They knew that they would never feel alone or afraid again.

Friendship is...

- Finding things to do together
- Relying on each other
- Impossible to do on your own
- Enjoying being together
- Never selfish
- Depending on someone else
- Sharing hopes and dreams
- Happiness and laughter
- Including others
- Precious

Encouragement

Rev. Marian demonstrated the importance of encouraging others and 'building them up' by building a tower. She showed the damage we can cause when we discourage - the tower can come tumbling down.



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FRIENDSHIP



QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Friends are like the walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes you lean on them, but sometimes it's enough to know they're just standing by.
(Anon)

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.
(Anon)

? Is this a good way to describe friends? Why?

? Do you have a friend who lives far away? How do you stay in touch and keep your friendship strong?

A real **friend** is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.
(Walter Winchell)

If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember: you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
(Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh - A. A. Milne)

? Can you remember a time when you supported your friend when they felt alone?

? A true friend brings out the best in you. How might you do this for one of your friends?

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