Day 5

Me & My Jesus

Theme - Jesus my friend

<u>Bible verse -</u>

I will never leave you, nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Aspirations

Jesus, my friend and savior, I Love you

Story time

It was a pleasant morning. Grandma called Jane as she did not see her in the morning. Usually, as soon as she wakes up, Jane comes first to Grandma and wishes her good morning. While grandma was thinking about this, Jane came to her room. She was very gloomy. So, grandma asked.

"Are you not well?"

Jane: I am sad, grandma.

Grandma: What happened, my sweet little girl?

Jane: Grandma, I have only two friends here Rose and Clare. But they are going on a vacation trip with their parents for a week. With whom will I play? I am going to feel very lonely.

Grandma sat next to her and hugged her.

Grandma: My dear, do not be so gloomy. Don't you know you have a friend who will never leave you and love you unconditionally?

Jane: Really Grandma, a friend who will never leave me?

Grandma: Yes, it is our Jesus. You should make him your best friend, as He says, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."

Jane: I cannot believe it; how can he be with me always?

Grandma: I will tell you my experience. When I was in school, I was a really shy girl and had no friends. I used to be very lonely. One day as I was praying in my Church, one of my catechism teachers, Sister Rani, came to me. She understood I was very sad. I shared my worries with her. She is the one who introduced Jesus to me as my friend, a friend who will play with you, talk with you and help you in your studies. From that time onwards, my loneliness was taken away by my best friend - Jesus. He changed me totally. He filled me with joy. Even now, when all of you leave back home, I don't feel lonely because I know Jesus is here with me. I have a friend whom I can always count on.

Jane: Wow, super Grandma, thanks for sharing this with me. I used to think about how you can be always happy? Now I understood the magic behind it. Today onwards, *Jesus is going to be my best friend*.

Grandma: One more thing dear, Jesus is the friend whom you can always trust. Also, make sure to choose your friends wisely because they can influence you in many ways. But, if you have Jesus as your best friend, he will guide you to find good friends. My dear, now get up. Let us play together and also let us always pray to our best friend, "Jesus, my Friend and Savior, I love you."

Reflect on: Am I spending time to talk with friend Jesus? Which quality you want the most in your best friend? Am I a good friend?		WALKIE TALKIE
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Saint of the day

St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

Saint Nicholas was born on AD 270 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death.

Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving.

The feast of St. Nicholas is on December 6th.

Watch a Video of Saint Here -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t Bo-x6pHPI

Virtue: Sharing

Action song

Jesus is my best friend.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lH0SrnsxrI

Bible Passage

• **Preteens:** Read the passage Act 12:6-19 – Peter is Rescued.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQlaroQuTkM

Kids-Bible Passage: John 11.
 (Parents kindly read "Jesus Raises Lazarus" portion for kids)

Also watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dca8SSxXCmM

QUIZ TIME

- KIDS JOHN 11: 1-44
- PRE-TEENS JOHN 11