

FRIENDS OF JESUS

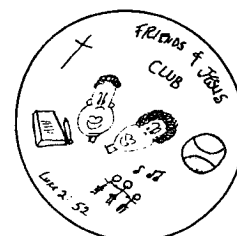
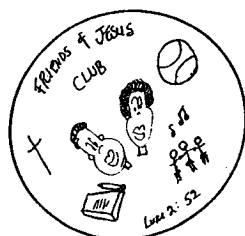
A CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12

CLUB VERSE: "Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

CLUB SONG:

LUKE 2:52

Pastor Ambrose Nyangao



You can grow in wisdom,
You can grow in body,
You can grow in favour
with God and men.

We can grow in wisdom,
We can grow in body,
We can grow in favour
with God and men.

CLUB PLEDGE: Because Jesus is my example, I pledge myself to grow in wisdom, in body and in favor with God and men.

Why have a children's club?

- (a) There are so many children. In Third World countries more than half the population is under age 15.
- (b) Most people in the world became Christians between ages 7 and 14.
- (c) About 80% of the children are growing up in non-Christian settings or are being raised in non-Christian homes.

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When would the clubs meet? Any time, preferably any day except Sunday

Where would they meet? Anywhere; in an open field, at church, in a house or garden, at school

How long would a club meeting be? Two hours

What materials are needed to have a Friends of Jesus Club?

- (1) a lesson book for the leaders
One A5-size book will have 26 lessons. There will be eight books total.
- (2) a teacher's manual which has teaching methods, games, activities etc.
- (3) a music book

How is it different from Sunday School? It is not a structured Bible study. Every lesson will include a teaching from the Bible which will relate to their spiritual, physical, social and intellectual development. Lessons will also include character stories, dramas, object lessons, games and traditional African stories which are relevant to the lesson being taught.

How is it different from GA's and RA's? It is not a missions organization. It will be more like a Holiday Bible Club every week of the year. We encourage the clubs to begin by having a Holiday Bible Club (IPS materials) for one week, and then continue with the Friends of Jesus lessons.

When will it be ready to use? We expect materials to be ready for testing by March 1995.

Please pray with us about this new effort. Zeb and Evelyn Moss are the overall coordinators. Writer workshop leader: Laura Lee Stewart (Workshops will be held in four countries in next four months.) The editors are: Year 1: Judith Chingano (Zimbabwe); Year 2: Carolyn Eells (Malawi); Year 3: Seth Lunga (Zambia); Year 4: Sy Grayson (South Africa) Steve Buys, (South Africa) editor of the teacher's manual. Trisha Miller (Zambia) editor for the music book.