

Friends Club



Commitment to
Christ

Additional Project Ideas

Share your testimony. Share your testimony with the girls. Share with them how you came to know Jesus as your personal Savior. Share a pivotal moment in your relationship with the Lord where you chose to commit to Christ. Have the girls each write out their own testimony. Encourage them to share their testimony with the group, sharing pivotal moments in their own relationship with the Lord where they chose to commit to Christ over other things vying for their attention and commitment. Talk to the girls about the impact a testimony can have on someone who is not yet a believer.

Write the story. Have the girls write a short story illustrating an individual who chose to commit to Christ in difficult circumstances. This story can be true (from their own experience or from someone they've interviewed) or fictional. If your girls are artistic, encourage them to illustrate their story. Allow time for the girls to share their stories with the group.

Study someone else. Have each girl choose a woman who showed outstanding commitment to Christ to study (e.g., Corrie ten Boom, Elizabeth Elliot, Kathryn Kuhlman, Etta Calhoun, Lillian Trasher, or Aimee Semple McPherson). There are several biographies and other methods to study these women. The Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center is also a great resource (<http://ifphc.org/>). Allow time for the girls to share their reports with the group. If your girls are interested in theater, allow the girls to dress up as the individual they choose and share their story from a first-person perspective.

Go shopping. Take the girls to a local Christian book seller. Talk with the girls about the different kinds of Bible studies and devotional books available. Talk with them about how to choose a study and how to use it in their personal devotional life. Talk with the store manager beforehand and make sure it's OK to bring a larger group and see if the manager would be willing to talk with the girls about the different options available.

Start a collection. Have the girls start collecting testimonies. Have the girls ask their families, friends, pastors, and other church members about their experience coming to Christ. Have the girls also ask about how the individual has grown in his or her relationship with the Lord and what having a "commitment to Christ" means to them.

Set goals. Have the girls set goals for their spiritual growth and formulate a plan. Make sure every girl in your group has a Bible in a version she can read and understand. Help the girls select a devotional. Have the girls pair up and have an accountability partner for their spiritual growth. Provide the girls with simple, plain journals and allow the girls to decorate their journals and make them their own.

Illustrate commitment. Invite a guest speaker who exemplifies having commitment (a couple who've been married for 50+ years, a distance runner, an experienced quilter or knitter, etc.) Have the speaker relate their commitment to having a commitment to Christ.

Resource Ideas

- *A Young Woman's Walk with God: Growing More Like Jesus* by Elizabeth George, Harvest House, 2006.
- *Thrive Teen Devotional: Take the Turn for God in Just 5 Minutes a Day* by Blaine Bartel, Harrison House, 2006.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- Why does sin separate us from God?
- How has God provided for our salvation?
- How can you tell another person about the gift of salvation?

Discovery #2

- What are some ways that you can change to be more like Jesus?
- How can you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
- How does knowing Jesus better help protect you from Satan?

Discovery #3

- How is growing in Christ like having a friendship?
- When you spend time in prayer, what should you pray for? How is prayer like having a conversation?
- What can you do to grow in Christ right now?

Discovery #4

- Even if you haven't read the whole Bible and don't know everything about being a Christian, can you still be obedient?
- What does loving God involve?
- What are some practical ways that you can show love to those around you?

Discovery #5

- What does commitment to Christ mean?
- Who or what has control of you? Who do you want your master to be?
- Do you look like a committed Christian? How can you be more committed?

Discovery #6

- Why is it so difficult to fully submit to Christ?
- Why is it important to be fully submitted?
- Why is the big picture so important? What can you do to help yourself see the big picture now?