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Dear Primary Friends,

These Sabbath School lessons have been written especially for you by people who care very much about you. They want you to know more about God and His love for you and your family. And that's what God wants too. He wants you to know that He loves you very much. And Jesus wants to be your special, forever Friend. He wants you to know Him, to know all about Him. He wants you to be His friend too.

As you learn more about God's love in these lessons, think about ways you can show your love to Him. Can you sing a song of praise to Him? Can you tell Him in your prayers how wonderful He is? Can you show His love to others in your family? To your friends and neighbors?

We pray that God will always have a special place in your heart.

The Editors

Lessons one through four are about encouraging one another to follow Jesus.

•We encourage one another to follow the Lord.
•At church we listen and learn what is important.
•God gives us leaders to help us do great things for Him.
•In God's family we all work together.



- •We serve God wherever we are.
- •We serve God when we are doing our best.
- •We make friends for God when we serve others.
- •We prepare the way for Jesus when we serve others.

Lessons nine through thirteen remind us that God is our best Friend.

- •Jesus is God's gift to us.
- •God is our Friend; we are not afraid of Him.
- •God gives perfect gifts, and His best gift is Jesus.
- •Jesus gives us joy.
- •Jesus gives us hope.

A Message to Parents

Dear Friend,

All *Primary Bible Study Guides* offer opportunities to help your child learn to use the Bible and to know that what is studied comes from God's Word. These exciting Bible lessons link God's amazing grace to your child's everyday life. However, they need YOU to make them come to life in your home, reinforcing the lesson already presented in Sabbath School. Plan now to make time for daily study with your

child. During your family worship time read the lessons together and share the fun of doing the Biblebased activities.

The entire *GraceLink* curriculum is developed around four important concepts—Grace, Worship, Community, and



Service—all critical to Christian growth. Simply put, these dynamics teach the following: Grace, Jesus loves me; Worship, I love Jesus; Community, we love each other; and Service, Jesus loves you too. Each month, emphasis is placed on one of these dynamics, but Grace is the thread that runs through every lesson and knits them together to form a complete whole.

May God bless you as you and your child enjoy learning more of Him.

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