

Friendship Deeds, From A-Z

**B**e the star God made you to be!

**Ephesians 2:10**

***“God made us. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good things. Long ago God prepared them for us to do.”***

Did you know that scientists estimate anywhere from 200 billion stars to 3 thousand million billion stars (that’s 3 followed by 16 zeros) exist in the universe? That’s A LOT of stars! What’s really amazing is that God is the only One who knows for sure how many stars there actually are. Psalm 147:4 says , *“He decides how many stars there should be. He gives each one of them a name.”*

Imagine that! EACH star has a name! Well, you are even more important to God than they are. Look at what He says to you in Isaiah 43:4a: *“You are priceless to me. I love you and honor you.”* Isn’t that WAY cool!?!?

Because you are so priceless to God, He has honored you with a very special and one-of-a-kind purpose, one that only YOU can do. When it comes to friendship, this promise should give you great confidence--God-confidence! Just as each star beams radiantly in the sky with its different name, you can shine brightly in your relationships in a way no one else can.

What special qualities has God given you? Not your talents--your personality, your gift from Him to offer others...Are you cheerful? Are you generous? Are you a good listener? Does your heart hurt when someone else is sad? Do you like to do kind things for others? Ask your parents what unique gifts they think God has given you. And remember, whatever they are, God prepared them long ago--so you could be the star God made you to be, shining brightly for all to see!

*Discuss the following questions with your parent/s:*

1. What do you think God means when He says you are “priceless” to Him?
2. What are some of your special qualities? How can you use these in your friendships?
3. Pray and ask God to help you shine in your friendships each and every day.

***“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise You for that!”***

**Psalm 139:14a**

*Next week, we’ll consider the letter “C.” CLUE? It has to do with kings and queens!*