

Creative music: I am a friend of God

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This is a creative music engagement, using I am a friend of God, by Israel Houghton and Michael Gungor, for use during worship time.

You will need:

- Musicians prepared to play

Time required:

3 - 4 minutes

Use:

I am a friend of God

Israel Houghton, Michael Gungor

Integrity Music

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Listen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p8x2eK4SfY>

Play

<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/20106/friend-of-god-sheet-music/piano-vocal>

Instructions

A really simple and repetitive upbeat song that you can learn together quickly. The lyrics are taken from the reading from John 15:9-16

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” vs 14-15

Interpolate the reading from John 15:9-16 with the chorus of this song.

Finish with reflection – what difference does it make to hear these words from Jesus as his friends, not just as bystanders, or servants or workers?

