# FRIENDED

JOHN 15:15

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# RESOURCE GUIDE 2020-2021



## WELCOME TO GEMS GIRLS' CLUBS!

Dear Friend,

There's something immensely personal and special about hearing the name "Friend" isn't there? Our friends cheer us on, prop us up, and encourage us when we are feeling down.

But that's not everyone's story. Especially for our girls. Every girl wonders...

Am I loved? Does anyone see me or know me? Who are my friends?

Think about the friendship challenges girls face today. We can spell them out using the acrostic **FRIEND**.

**F—FOMO.** Girls have a **Fear Of Missing Out**, which has only escalated with online access. Now girls don't just have a sense that they're missing out, they can take a screenshot of it.

**R—Rejection.** Rejection hurts our girls. It can cause them to curl up like turtles in a shell instead of being fully who God created them to be.

**I—Isolation.** Our girls live in a culture that is unprecedented in both its digital connection and its social isolation. They are desperate to find a place to belong and be loved.

**E—Epidemic of Ioneliness.** Researchers name the growing problem "The Loneliness Epidemic" and that was pre-COVID!

**N—Name-calling.** Mean girls, bullies, and gossip girls have been around forever. What has changed for today's girls is the number of platforms where they can hurl the hurt.

**D—Drama.** Because girls long to be seen, known, and loved—they are attaching bigger words to their emotions to get the attention they crave.

In a world where relationships are shaking—where best friends can change with the seasons, and being isolated from one another can happen online or in person through a pandemic, now is the time to tell our girls they have an unshakable Friend and His name is Jesus.

That's what Friended is all about. Friended is the newest GEMS curriculum that teaches girls what it means to be a friend to the God of the universe and to one another.

Friend, our girls need us. Let's say no more to FOMO...and YES to showing this generation of girls Jesus our unshakable Friend. If not us, then who? This is how the world will be changed for our girls and by our girls—one friendship at a time.

Serving Him Together,

Cindy Bultema

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P.S. If there is any way we can serve you, please reach out. Friend, that's what we're here for!

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# SHOP ONLINE! GEMSGC.ORG/STORE

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# THE GEMS DINER IS OPEN TO ALL GIRLS WHO LONG FOR A PLACE TO BELONG!

It's not easy being a girl today. Mean girls torment, best friends change with the seasons, and even their grown-ups feel alone with nearly half saying they don't have meaningful face-to-face interactions with others on a daily basis. Girls are growing up feeling lonely and left out, and carry the scars of being unfriended online and in person.

But everything changes when girls discover that God, who is King and Lord of all, invites them to be His friend. From that foundational friendship, all their relationships change! Loneliness dissipates, isolation is eradicated, wounds heal, and the world is changed—one friendship at a time.

#### Friended. He calls us friends!

Within the 8 lessons, 4 Friended Projects, and 4 Monthly Fun Nights, fun is served and friendship is on the menu as girls discover what it means to connect with God and with one another! Plus the 4 Badges at Club provide the heart prep for badge work as girls experience and learn more about God, themselves, and His world! And with the Friended Plus Virtual Edition, this diner may move online or at a distance, but it will never close!

1www.multivu.com/players/English/8294451-cigna-us-loneliness-survey/

I HAUE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR EVERYTHING THAT I LEARNED FROM MY FATHER I HAUE MADE KNOWN TO YOU.

John 15:15



## INTRODUCING NEW FOR 2020-2021



## 3 FLEXIBLE OPTIONS!

#### **Option 1: Friended**

Works great for clubs that meet twice a month or for a shortened season.

Use Friended as a stand-alone resource for up to 16 weeks—8 Bible Teachings, 4 Friended Projects, and 4 Fun Nights. Everything you need for a full club gathering is included!



#### Option 2: Friended + Badges

Works great for clubs that meet 2-4 times a month.

Use the 16 weeks of *Friended* (8 Bible Teachings, 4 *Friended* Projects, and 4 Fun Nights) with GEMS Girls' Clubs badges. *Friended* includes 4 Large Group opening devotionals for badge nights. Go to www.gemsgc.org to select from a wide variety of girl-friendly badges.

#### **Option 3: Friended Plus Virtual Edition**

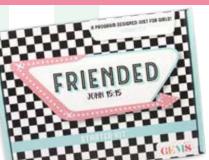
Works great for clubs that need to meet online or at a distance.

Use the 8 weeks of *Friended* Large Group Teaching Videos, Virtual Experience resources, plus the Connection Collection ideas to engage with girls at a distance. Everything you need to effectively connect with girls when you can't gather!



## Easy-to-Use Options for Every Club!

### FRIENDED STARTER KIT



Everything you need to plan, prepare, and successfully lead Friended!

Item 5631 Non-Member Retail \$142.95 USD | \$188.63 CAD

Item 5601 Club Member Retail \$125.95 Limited Time \$69.97 USD \$167.99 Limited Time \$92.98 CAD

### WHAT'S INSIDE

- One Large Group Resource Book
- One Grades 1-3 Small Group Leader's Guide
- One Grades 4-6 Small Group Leader's Guide
- One Grades 7-8 Small Group Leader's Guide
- One 8-pack of Grades 1-3 GEMS Journals
- One 8-pack of Grades 4-6 GEMS Journals
- One 8-pack of Grades 7-8 GEMS Journals
- One Friended Craft Guide
- One 5-pack of GEMS "One Another" Diner Menus
- One Friended mini theme verse poster
- One Friended notepad
- One Friended badge

- One 10-pack of A-to-Z Who God Is bookmarks
- Access to Friended Online Resources:
  - Friended theme sona
  - Creative Movement Video
  - Worship playlist
  - Nine "Real Talk" videos
  - Presentation slides
  - Printables (skits, activities, etc.)
- One set of A-to-Z Who God Is cards
- One Friended colored pencil pack
- One sheet "One Another" stickers
- One sample bulletin insert



Now you can choose the option that works best for you this season. Choose from the **Friended Starter Kit** or for clubs meeting at a distance, the **Friended Starter Kit Plus Virtual Edition**.

## FRIENDED STARTER KIT PLUS VIRTUAL EDITION

### Get all of this PLUS:

Everything you need to meet at a distance including 8 Friended Large Group Teaching Videos, the Friended Plus Virtual Edition Guide with "kick-off meeting" plan, group games and activities, porch drop-off ideas, leader tips and guidelines, and a Friended Logo Sticker Sheet to use when personalizing materials for your girls.

Friended Starter Kit Plus Virtual Edition Item 5621 | \$109.92 USD | \$145.97 CAD

Additional Friended Plus Virtual Edition Guide. One per small group leader.

Item 5622 | \$6.95 USD | \$8.99 CAD Purchase of Item 5621 required to order additional guides





UIRTUAL MEETINGS WERE AN ADJUSTMENT AT FIRST BUT WERE A FUN WAY TO GET TOGETHER, DO LESSONS AND CRAFTS, AND LET GIRLS JUST BE THEMSELUES. I WAS REALLY HAPPY WE WERE ABLE TO MEET THIS WAY!



CLUBS ARE NOT CANCELED!



#### Friended Large Group Resource Book

Includes everything you need to facilitate an engaging Large Group time, including praise & worship, interactive Lesson Openers, Bible Teaching scripts, prayer guides, plus engaging icebreakers (for Large Group Arrival), meaningful closers (for Large Group Dismissal), and 8 craft activities. Book contains 8 Lessons, 4 Friended Projects (service project ideas), 4 Monthly Fun Nights, and 4 Badges at Club (Large Group heart prep for badge work).

Item 5602 | \$10.95 USD | \$14.49 CAD

#### **Friended GEMS Journals**

Each set of age-appropriate girls' lessons, GEMS Journals, includes 8 take-home lessons for girls with friendship-building quizzes and activities, plus Bible reading, discussion questions, memory work, and application. Each lesson also includes a link to that week's "Real Talk" Video. Order one set per girl.

Friended Grades 1-3 GEMS Journals 💗

Item 5610 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD

Friended Grades 4-6 GEMS Journals •

Item 5611 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD

Friended Grades 7-8 GEMS Journals

Item 5612 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD





#### Friended Small Group Leader's Guides

Each age-appropriate *Small Group Leader's Guide* includes everything you need to facilitate an engaging and meaningful *Small Group time*. Includes welcome activities, Bible memory, discussion questions related to the Large Group Bible Teaching, and leader's helps for the *GEMS Journals*. Order one per *Small Group leader*.

Friended Grades 1-3 Small Group Leader's Guide •

Item 5603 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD

Friended Grades 4-6 Small Group Leader's Guide 🍑

Item 5604 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD

Friended Grades 7-8 Small Group Leader's Guide 🎔

Item 5605 | \$8.95 USD | \$11.99 CAD



This 5-pack of "menus" highlights 5 key ways girls can be "One Another" friends. The menus are introduced in Lesson 3 and used throughout the Friended study. Order one set per club.

Item 5607 | \$7.95 USD | \$9.99 CAD



#### Friended Craft Guide

There are 8 crafts, pictures, supply lists, instructions, and sets of Craft & Chat Questions that correspond to the 8 *Friended* lessons. Put this guide in the hands of all your craft leaders! **NOTE:** These are the same crafts included in the *Large Group Resource Book*.

Item 5608 | \$5.95 USD | \$7.99 CAD

- = one included in starter kit
- = sample in starter kit





OUR GEMS CLUB IS GROWING.
THE GIRLS ARE ENJOYING CLUB SO MUCH
THAT THEY KEEP INVITING THEIR FRIENDS!

— Kristen, Kitchener, Ontario











#### Friended Badge 🖤

Item 5600 | \$.95 USD | \$1.09 CAD+

#### Friended Online Resources

Multi-media resources including the *Friended* theme song, "I Am a Friend of God" by Israel Houghton (performed by Colleen & Grace), worship playlist, creative movement video, 9 "Real Talk" videos that provide fun and inspiring closings for each lesson, presentation slides, and printables. Order one per club.

Item 5609 \$62.95 Club Retail | \$37.97 Club Limited Time USD \$83.99 Club Retail | \$49.98 Club Limited Time CAD

#### "Real Talk" Videos

An intro video to meet the GEMS *Friended* Teaching Team and 8 "Real Talk" videos provide fun and inspiring challenges to close each lesson, helping your girls live out what they learned in club. **Included with the Friended Online Resources & GEMS Journals** 

#### Friended Notepad 🎔

Item 5606 | \$1.95 USD | \$2.59 CAD+

#### Friended Bulletin Insert (Pack of 50)

Item 5614 | \$5.95 USD | \$7.99 CAD

#### Friended A-to-Z Who God Is Bookmarks (Pack of 20)

Tuck this beautiful bookmark into your Bible or favorite read. It contains Truths and corresponding Scripture verses about who God is from A to Z.

Size: 8"x2"

Item 2729 | \$5.95 USD | \$7.99 CAD+



#### **GEMS Tea Towel**

This durable tea towel provides a beautiful visual of what it looks like to be a "One Another" friend who serves. Plus the multi-purpose cotton dish towel sized in a 19 x 28-inch square can be gifted or used in any way that serves you best.

Item 2618 | \$10.95 USD | \$13.99 CAD+

#### Friended Theme T-Shirt

Sizes: Adult S-3X, Youth S-L

Black Item 5618 | \$17.95 USD | \$23.99 CAD+ (for adult sizes) — Add \$2.00 for 2-3X

#### Friended Theme Verse Poster

Hang this poster in your club space as a reminder of the *Friended* theme verse. Size: 18"x24"

Item 5613 | \$14.95 USD | \$19.99 CAD

#### Friended A-to-Z Who God Is Cards •

Get to know God more! This beautiful pack of A-to-Z cards is a great way to remind yourself, your girls, and your friends the Truth about who God is. Size: 3.5"x2", 26 cards in box.

Item 2659 | \$6.95 USD | \$8.99 CAD

#### Friended Diner Mug

A 10-ounce mint color trendy ceramic mug with an imprint on one side for viewing for right-handed drinker. The diner mug is perfect for your GEMS Diner experience, reminding everyone at the table they are Friended. Dishwasher safe, top rack only, no harsh detergents.

Item 2676 | \$9.95 USD | \$12.99 CAD+

#### **Friended Convo Cards**

Continue the conversation with this deck of Convo Cards. Questions will keep you engaged, laughing, and getting to know one another in fun ways. Size: 2.5"x3.5"

Item 5665 | \$6.95 USD | \$8.99 CAD+



GOD IS





#### Friended Logo Sticker Sheet

Use these *Friended* stickers to personalize cards, packages, and club items you prepare for your girls at club or as porch drop-offs. There is space on each sticker for you to write a girl's name! 12 stickers per 8"x10" sheet. Each sticker measures 4"x1.75"

#### Item 2642 | \$2.95 USD | \$3.99 CAD+

#### Friended One Another Stickers

Girls can decorate water bottles, helmets, mirrors and more with the 5 "One Anothers" that are part of the *Friended* study. 5 stickers per 5"x7" Sheet.

#### Item 2636 | \$2.95 USD | \$3.99 CAD+

#### Friended Colored Pencil Set

The GEMS Journals are packed with opportunities for girls to doodle and color as they learn. Gift one set to each girl. Perfect for meeting with girls at club or at a distance. Includes 6 colored pencils: blue, green, orange, purple, red, and yellow.

#### Item 5667 | \$1.95 USD | \$2.59 CAD+

#### Micah 6:8 Poster

Add this beautiful poster to your club space to remind girls of the Micah 6:8 GEMS Club Aim. They make great gifts for your girls, too! Size: 18"x24"

#### Item 2593 | \$14.95 USD | \$19.99 CAD

#### Friended A-to-Z Who God Is Poster

This beautiful poster contains the A-to-Z Truths and corresponding Scripture verses girls are focusing on in *Friended*. Display in your Large or Small Group club settings. It can also provide an especially meaningful gift for girls who memorize the A-to-Z list. Size: 18"x24"

Item 5615 | \$14.95 USD | \$19.99 CAD+





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#### Prayer Journal for Girls - Praying Like Jesus

"One Another" friends pray for one another! This prayer journal is the perfect gift for any of your GEMS. Help girls discover the priceless value of spending time each and every day with their heavenly Father. Size: 5 ½" x 8 ½"

Item 4623 | \$4.95 USD | \$6.99 CAD



#### **Pink Journaling Bible**

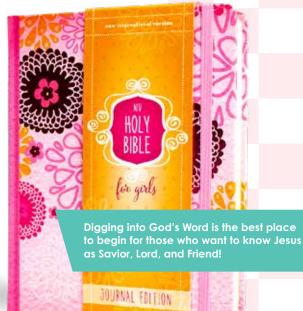
Help your girls get to know God more! This hardcover NIV Bible helps girls develop a habit of studying God's Word while finding ways to apply it to their everyday lives. With space to journal on every page, girls are encouraged to reflect on what they read. Size: 6"x9"

Item 2040 | \$22.55 USD | \$31.99 CAD









## **LEARN MORE!**

Watch a *Friended* promo video at **gemsgc.org/friended**.

Scan for more information!



# ReFresh

## Have you signed up for ReFresh?

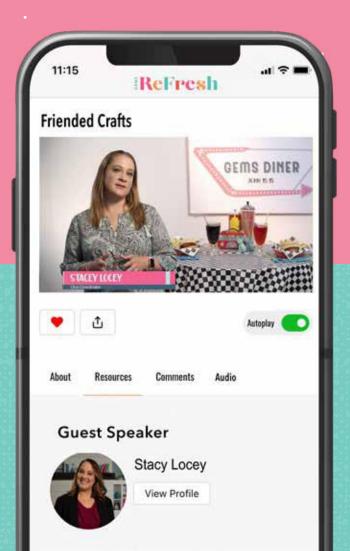
ReFresh is an online training program for women. Training videos equip, encourage, and engage mentors and moms.

## ONLY \$19.95 US/\$26.60 CN

per club through September 30, 2020!
Visit www.gemsgc.org/refresh for more information

## SUBSCRIBERS RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO:

- Friended Parent Video
- What Is Friended?
   Video
- Friended Crafts Video





EQUIP YOURSELF TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

#### **GEMS GOSPEL TREASURE BOX**

This treasure box contains everything you need to share the salvation message with kids. Perfect for large or small group settings or individual conversations. The box contains a leader's guide including a sample script and visuals to help make the message memorable for all ages.

Item 4540 | \$29.95 USD | \$38.99 CAD+

RECOMMENDED FOR USE WITH FRIENDED LARGE GROUP

LESSON 2: Jesus Is Savior and Friend



66 What you believe by your thirteenth birthday is generally what you die believing.

George Barna

Our club presented the Gospel to our girls with the help of the GEMS Gospel Treasure Box. The girls and leaders were responsive when prompted yet quietly attentive through it all, even though there were over 100 at the meeting. When we prayed, I couldn't bring myself to literally count all of the raised hands. God knows who they are and all of Heaven rejoiced! Thank you GEMS Staff for providing this easy-to-use resource!

—Karyn, Port St. Lucie, Florida



## INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE THREE-PART GOSPEL MESSAGE SERIES VIDEOS

"THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE" • "THE GEMS GOSPEL TREASURE BOX" • "HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH STORY"

## ORDERING INFORMATION

GEMS Girls' Clubs is happy to serve you! We do our best to make ordering the supplies you need as easy as possible. Visit us at gemsgc.org and place your order online, call us directly at 616-241-5616 ext. 2, or fax your order to 616-241-5558.

Canadian orders can be placed by calling 519-424-9007 or faxing 519-424-9331.

All merchandise in this catalog is available to the general public except badges, badge books, and promotional materials. These items are available to registered clubs only.

Merchandise is available for purchase by credit card—MasterCard, Visa, and Discover (US only), or by check. A 10% shipping/handling charge is added to all shipped orders (\$5.00 USD minimum and \$5.50 CAD minimum); a 2% handling charge is added to orders picked up at the GEMS Global Office (\$3.50 USD/CAD minimum). An invoice is enclosed with all orders.

Merchandise may be ordered and invoiced by registered clubs that have no outstanding invoices, have paid their annual dues, and sent in their annual offering. A 2% finance charge is added to invoices not paid after 30 days. After 90 days of nonpayment of an invoice, no merchandise will be shipped until full payment, with finance charges, has been received.

**RETURN POLICY:** for special order items returned, a \$5.00 USD/\$8.00 CAD restocking fee will be charged. A merchandise credit will be issued for goods returned in saleable condition within 45 days of the shipping date. Theme items, online resources, and ReFresh subscriptions are not returnable.

A \$20 fee will be charged for all returned checks or declined credit cards.

Canadian prices are based on three factors:

- 1. Exchange rates at end of February
- 2. Transportation costs/duty paid to transport goods to Canadian Supply Center
- Percent of costs charged to GEMS for operation of Canadian Supply Center

Prices are subject to change at any time. Check the GEMS website (gemsgc.org) for current prices.

# Dues policy: annually each club must re-register by paying a \$3.00 per girl fee. Dues must be received at the GEMS Global Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan by November 15. Offering policy: each sponsoring church or Christian organization garees.

REMINDERS

Offering policy: each sponsoring church or Christian organization agrees to collect an annual offering or donation to help support the ministry of GEMS Girls' Clubs. The deadline for receiving the offering/donation is December 31 of each calendar year. Offerings/donations are to be forwarded to the GEMS Global Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan for US Clubs, and to the Supply Center in Woodstock, Ontario for Canadian

### STARTING A CLUB

For information on starting a club in your church or Christian organization, simply email us at hello@gemsgc.org or call us at 616-241-5616 ext. 2 and request a complimentary promotional packet. Learn how easy it is to start a GEMS Girls' Club, Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior, in your church or organization. We are eager to hear from you.

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DELIVERY ADDRESS	
CITY	
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ITEM #	QTY	DESCRIPTION (including size and color)	PRICE	TOTAL

#### **PAYMENT METHOD**

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Card #				Exp
Signature				

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SUBTOTAL	
SHIPPING-10% OF MERCHANDISE TOTAL (\$5.00 MIN)	
PICK-UP-2% of merchandise total (\$3.50 min)	
① US TOTAL	
A. Total GST Items ordered (NON + ITEMS)	
B. Total HST Items ordered (+ ITEMS) (ONLY ON, NF, NS, NB, PEI)	
C. Total order (A & B)	
D. Shipping/Handling (10% of line C); \$5.50 MIN or Pick up (2% of line C) \$3.50 MIN	
E. Total order + shipping/handling (C & D)	
F. GST line A - 5% (ALL Provinces)	
G. HST line B & D (ON-13%; NB, NF, NS, PEI-15%)	

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