



## FACT SHEET **JUDAS**

**Matthew 26:14-15**

### **Read It:**

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### **Talk It:**

Could you love a person who stabbed you in the back?

### **Know it:**

Judas was the disciple who often had his own idea of things that needed to be done. We see this several times in the Gospels. One time, a lady had washed Jesus feet with expensive perfume. Judas complained about how much money she was wasting with the simple act of devotion. Later, Judas went before the religious leaders of the time and sold out Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Then he led the army to Jesus and revealed who Jesus was with a "holy kiss." Later, Judas regretted this decision and tried to return the money, but it was too late. Yet even with everything Judas had done wrong, Jesus did not yell at him or destroy him but still showed love. Jesus loves everyone, even when they fail.



### **Go Do It:**

We need to be like Jesus. Our friends are going to make mistakes and let us down. At times, they may even act like enemies. No matter what, we still need to love them. When a friend hurts us, we need to forgive. No matter what, we must show peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and love - not because they deserve it but because we have been forgiven first. Remember, you didn't deserve God's love and forgiveness either, so love others as God has loved you. It is easy to see Judas or another person as a bad character, but we ought to be focused on our own bad behavior and the grace God has shown us. When we do that, forgiving others becomes easy.