



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

We're Going to Be Friends

David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 20
(supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends love one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

A friend loves at all times.
They are there to help
when trouble comes.
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Friendship—Using your words and
actions to show others you care

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
Early Arriver

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Memory Verse Activity: A Friend Loves at ALL
Times Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help guide today's conversations and activities as kids learn and talk about what it means to be a loving friend. Pray that kids would leave today with ideas and opportunities for big and small ways they can show love to their friends.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, a die

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids as they enter.
- Encourage those who've brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Explain that the group is going to play a game to help them get to know their friends!
- Instruct the kids to take turns rolling the die and answering a corresponding numbered question from the list below.
- If they roll a number and both questions have been asked, let them roll again.
- Continue until every kid has had a chance to roll and answer a question.
- Questions are as follows:
 - Rolled #1
 - What's your favorite TV show?
 - Which do you like better, summer or winter and why?
 - Rolled #2
 - What's your favorite ice cream flavor?
 - Which do you like better, recess or lunch?
 - Rolled #3
 - Do you have a pet? (If not, what pet would you like if you had one?)
 - What is your favorite food to eat for breakfast?
 - Rolled #4
 - What is your favorite thing about school?
 - Tell us one thing about your family.
 - Rolled #5
 - Tell us one thing about your family.
 - If you had 15 extra minutes to do anything, what would you do?
 - Rolled #6
 - What is your favorite game to play (outside or inside)?
 - What is your favorite thing to do after school?



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

**CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES**

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



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3. A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Colored paper and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Write the words of the verse on the pieces of paper, broken down as follows for *NIV*:
 - A friend/ loves/ at all/ times./ They/ are/ there/ to help/ when/ trouble/ comes./ Proverbs 17:17
- OR for *NIV*:
 - A /friend/ loves/ at / all/ times/ and a/ brother/ is born/ for/ a time of/ adversity./ Proverbs 17:17
- Lay the pages on the floor of your group's area like the numbers of a clock, starting with the first page as one o'clock.
- Select one kid to stand in the center of the pages and hold out his arm like one arm of the clock.
- Encourage the kid in the center to start with one o'clock (A) and point to each word of the verse as they "click" around the clock face. The kids say the words of the verse together.
- Repeat with each kid in the center.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These pages sort of look like a clock face! Why? Because a friend loves at ALL times. Does a friend love at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday when they just woke up? (Pause.) Does a friend love at 1:00 p.m. when they don't get their way? (Pause.) Yes! Because **friends love one another** at all times! I'm so thankful for examples of good friends like David and Jonathan. And of course, the best friend of all is JESUS! He loves us when we mess up, when we're happy, when we're frustrated, and even when we say something unkind. Because Jesus loves us at all times, we can love others, too!"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage the kids to think about a friend they've chosen, then spend a moment praying that God would help them show love to that friend this week.
- Remind the kids to follow through, and to show love.
- Close the group in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that friends love at all times! Thank You for sending Jesus, the best friend ever. Help us be kind and patient and put others first because **friends love one another**. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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