



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

We're Going to Be Friends
David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 20

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How can you show your friends they're important?

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
Opening Activity

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: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

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



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Find Someone Who" Activity Page, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each kid a copy of the activity page and challenge them to find one person for each characteristic listed on

the page.

- **Instruct** kids to write each person's name in the box corresponding with their characteristic.
- **Tell** kids not to repeat any names until they have written each small group member's name in one box. *(Once each person has been identified with a characteristic, then kids can start repeating names so they get all the boxes filled in.)*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"The more we all get to know each other, the better friends we can be for each other. **[Transition] Let's go to large group and hear about an awesome example of friendship.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, butcher paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Ask** a volunteer to divide the butcher paper into three columns and label them:

- Column 1: Good friend
- Column 2: Bad friend
- Column 3: Why

- **Choose** volunteers to look up the following verses and read them aloud to the group. (You will need seven readers.)
- **Prompt** kids to decide which column the people from the verses should go in and why, after each passage is read.
- **Ask** someone to fill in that chart for the group as you go. (You can change writers for each passage. You may need to help kids figure out how to shorten their peers' answers into brief phrases to write in the "why" column.)
 - Matthew 26:14-16 and Luke 22:47-48
 - 2 Samuel 15:12 and 31 (POINT OUT that Absalom was supposed to be David's counselor but that he was conspiring with his enemy)
 - 1 Samuel 20:12-15
 - Ruth 1:16-17
 - Philippians 2:19-24
 - Luke 1:39-45
 - Exodus 4:10-16
- **Talk** about how/when each person in the "good friend" column showed someone they were important. Who did they show? How did they show them?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper from the “Verse to Take with You” Activity

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WHAT YOU DO:

- **Lay** the butcher paper from the “Verses to Take with You” Activity out on the floor and ask everyone to circle around it.
- **Remind** everyone that friends love one another.
- **Explain** that you’re all going to pray together and ask God to help you love others and be good friends.
- **Tell** them that you’re going to do a “popcorn” prayer: each person will pray a sentence (or two if they want), and they don’t have to go in any particular order; they can just call out their prayer when it comes to mind.
- **Use** this format: “God, teach me to be loyal like Ruth .”
- If it gets quiet for too long, throw in your own prayers:
- “God, teach me to be loyal like Ruth .”
- “God, teach me to be kind like Elizabeth .”
- “God, teach me to be loving like Jonathan .”
- “God, teach me to be helpful like Aaron .”