



HARMONY

TOGETHER IS BETTER



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Has a friend ever broken a promise they made to you?

How did that make you feel?

- Should you trust everyone who makes a promise to you?
- What makes a friend trustworthy?
- Who is a friend you can trust?
- If a friend breaks a promise they made to you, does it mean you should no longer be their friend?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Friends Forever

David and Mephibosheth
1 Samuel 19-20; 2 Samuel 9

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who is a friend you can trust?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends keep their promises.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Proverbs 17:17, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Friendship—Using your
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an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



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4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, paper, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up three different stations in your group space, and place a Bible, a piece of paper, and a pen or pencil at each one.
- Divide kids into three groups and assign each group to a station. Give each group a different passage from the following list:
 - Genesis 15:5; 17:1-2, 15-16; 21:1-3
 - Exodus 6:3-5; 12:31, 41-42
 - Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:10-15
- Kids will work together to look up their assigned passage and read it out loud. They will then come up with a rap or poem or song that explains what happens in the passage they read.
- Encourage them to be creative and work together!
- Once everyone has had time to come up with something, give each group a chance to share it with the rest of the group.
- Ask the following questions:
 - Does God always keep promises? If so, how do we know?
 - If we believe God keeps promises, how does that build our trust and faith in God?
 - Are people more or less likely to trust you when you have a reputation for keeping your promises?
- Remind kids that one of the reasons we have God's Word is to show us an example for how we should live. Encourage them to write down the reference for one of the passages that they may have connected with, and plan to spend time reading it again throughout the week.



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and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Daily Prayer Friend" Activity Page, pens
or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put kids into pairs and invite them to spread out with their partner throughout the group space.
- Give each kid a copy of the "Daily Prayer Friend" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Instruct kids to share prayer requests with each other that apply to specific days in the week ahead.
- Explain that they should think about things they may have coming up such as a dentist appointment, a test at school, or a soccer game.
- Kids should write down on the activity page what they plan to pray about for their partner each day.
- After everyone has had a chance to write these requests down for their partner, encourage kids to commit to praying about what they wrote each day.
- Remind them that life does get busy and it's okay if you accidentally miss a day. But kids should try their best to keep their promise to pray for their friend.
- Close the group in prayer.

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