



HARMONY

TOGETHER IS BETTER



WEEK
THREE
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:

- Can it be scary to stand up for a friend? Why or why not?
- When have you seen someone stand up for someone else?
- Has anyone ever stood up for you? How did that make you feel?
- What does that communicate to a friend when you choose to stand up for them?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I'll Stand by You
Barnabas and Saul
Acts 9:26-30

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you seen someone stand up for someone else?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends stand up for one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Metal washers, string, scissors, wooden dowel rods, fine-tip permanent markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Allow kids to spread out.
- Give everyone 16 metal washers. Place the rest of the supplies where everyone can reach them and encourage them to take turns and share.
- Explain that they will be making windchimes. They will need to write each individual word of Proverbs 17:17 on each of the 16 washers. (Proverbs will be one word, and 17:17 will be another. Adjust based on whatever translation you are using.)
- They will cut 16 pieces of string at staggering lengths and one more piece of string to tie to each end of the dowel rod in order to hang it.
- They will tie their washers to one end of the strings.
- The other end of the strings will be tied to the dowel rod so that the words are in the correct order. (They'll place the dowel rod horizontally and tie the ends of the strings along the length of the rod.)
- Once kids have finished assembling their windchimes, give everyone a chance to show them off.
- Explain to kids that their windchimes make soft sounds when the metal washers knock against each other. This makes music and can be a reminder that our lives are more harmonious when we have friendships like Proverbs 17:17 describes.
- Encourage kids to take their windchimes home and hang them where they can see and hear them.

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Stand Up Prayer" Activity Page, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a copy of the "Stand Up Prayer" Activity Page and a pen or pencil. Invite them to spread out in your group space.
- Explain that you will be giving them time to read through the prompts provided on the Activity Page, and they will have quiet time to think and write. The prompts will get them thinking about ways they can stand up for people in their lives.
- After they have taken time to think and write, they can spend time in silent prayer if they would like to.
- Provide kids with 5-10 minutes of quiet time for this activity and then call everyone to gather in closer.
- Encourage kids to take these pages home with them so they can use them throughout the week as a guide for things to pray about.
- Allow time for anyone to share a prayer request that they feel comfortable sharing with the group. Suggest that they should share, specifically, about situations they're going through right now where they might have a chance to stand up for someone or they need someone to stand up for them.
- Close the group in prayer.

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