

JH UNITY DEVOTIONAL

UNITING IN FRIENDSHIP

Scripture: Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV)

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Introduction:

Hey, tribe! Today, we're going to explore the amazing power of unity in our friendships. We'll learn from Colossians 3:13-14 about how forgiveness and love can bind us together.

Devotional:

Step 1: Let's Dive in!

Read Colossians 3:13-14 together, and let's talk about it:

1. What does it mean to “forgive as the Lord forgave you”?
2. How can forgiveness help bring unity in our friendships?
3. What does it mean for love to “bind them all together in perfect unity”?

Step 2: The Friendship Team

Think about your friendships as a team, just like your favorite sports team or a brand. Discuss how working together and being united can make your friendships stronger and more fun.

Step 3: The Power of Forgiveness

Consider these questions:

1. Why is forgiveness important in your friendships?
2. How do you feel when you and your friends forgive each other and move past conflicts?
3. Can you share a time when forgiveness helped improve your friendships?

Step 4: Let's Practice Unity

Discuss practical ways to promote unity in your friendships:

1. Be quick to forgive when someone makes a mistake or hurts your feelings.
2. Show love and care for your friends, even when you disagree.
3. Work together to solve problems, just like a great team does.

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Step 5: Prayer for Friendship and Unity

End your time with a simple prayer:

Dear God, thank you for teaching us about unity in friendships through Colossians 3:13-14. Help us forgive, love and be united as friends. May our friendships be filled with love and perfect unity, just like you want. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Conclusion:

Unity in your friendships is a wonderful thing. Just like a strong team, when you forgive and love one another, your friendships become even more amazing. Keep practicing forgiveness and love, and your friendships will shine with perfect unity.

TRANSITION INTO UNITY ACTIVITY

Inside each yellow envelope has a stack of papers (for the students to use) and a smaller white envelope (ONLY for tribe leaders). They are to work together as a team to figure out the name of the website address and then the password. Tribe leader papers have the website and the password, but let your tribe work in unity to figure it out.

Best of luck!