

Hello Parents!

Here is everything you need for your family HCKids at home activities. Just follow the directions on the Parent Guide (next page) for any of the things you and your child(ren) are interested in doing. Also included in this document is the link to the Bible Video, this month's theme song: "By My Side" and "God Time" pages to do throughout the week.

YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"
 ~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~

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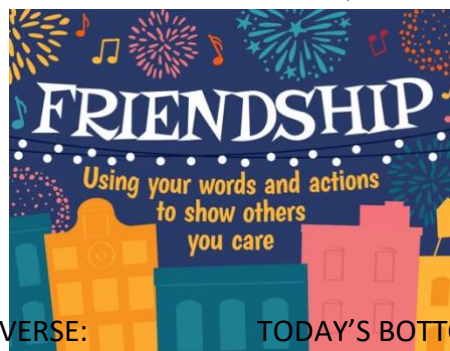
If you prefer, you are welcome to pick up hard copies of each week's lesson that are similar to here but printed for your convenience. They are recycled each Thursday (late afternoon) and are located outside the front entrance of church.

Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, enjoying the start of school, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, WE ARE STUDYING:



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



Watch Bible Video Here

<https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/24fb1e06-82fb-4c1d-ada1-c649d6f49a58>

Block Party: Everyone's Invited



Use this guide with your family to learn how God can help us be better friends.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Friendship:
using your
words and
actions to
show others
you care.

Memory Verse

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

Bible Story

Two people are better than one
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Key Question

What makes someone a good friend?

Activity

Finding Friends

What You Need

Paper and pencil

What You Do

Draw the outline of a body on a sheet of paper. Then give your child the pencil and ask them, "What do you think makes a good friend?" Prompt them to write down (inside the body outline) all the qualities they look for when they're choosing friends.

When they finish, ask them to choose two qualities and tell you why they wrote those down. Then ask them to go back and put a circle around any qualities THEY'VE shown as a friend over the last week.

Engage your child in a conversation about the ways they've been a good friend over the last week.



Talk about the Bible Story

In the video today, we talked about how much better it can be when we do things together. Is there a particular friend that you like doing things with?

Do you think it matters who you choose as a friend? *(Yes, because our friends influence us. We start to talk like them and act like them. So we should choose our friends carefully.)*

We've already talked about what makes someone a good friend. Look at what you wrote down. Which three things do you think are the most important qualities of a good friend, and why?

What kind of friend are you?

What kind of friend do you want to be?

Say, "Remember, it matters who you choose to be friends with. If you choose friends who disobey, you'll probably disobey. If you choose friends who work hard, you'll probably work hard. Choose your friends carefully."

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for being the best example of a good Friend. You love us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for us. You forgive us when we mess up. And You listen when we talk to You. Help us to be a good friend, too. Help us to be generous, to forgive, and to listen well. Help us to look for people who do those same things for us. Help us to choose our friends carefully. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

Lyrics for this month's theme song:

By My Side

Verse

Sometimes it's hard to know what the day is gonna to bring
Some days you feel like you can fly some days we have broken
wings

Chorus

But with you by my side I'll always be ok
You always shine color even on a cloudy day

Verse

Sometimes we face trouble, we're scared and insecure
But with a friend like you I'm always reassured
That if I fall down it's you that will help me up
You show me what it's like to be brave even when it's tough

Chorus (2x)

With you by my side I'll always be ok
You always shine color even on a cloudy day
Walking down this road of life I know it's going to be all right
With you by my side I'll always be ok

Day 2

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

As you read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, underline all of the numbers in the passage. Then go back and circle any number greater than one.

3 > 2 > 1

It's not that being alone is bad—and sure, there are times when working alone or spending time by yourself is important! But when it comes to most of life's challenges, together is better!



Day 3

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 covers a few different scenarios where having a friend is super important:

- 1) When you fall down
- 2) When you're cold
- 3) When you're feeling overpowered

These scenarios could also be described this way:

- 1) When you're hurting (physically or emotionally)
- 2) When you're in need
- 3) When someone or something is threatening you

Which of those can you relate to? When have you been hurting, or in need of something, or feeling threatened by someone, and a friend jumped in to help? Take a minute to talk to God about it. Then thank God for that friend and ask Him to help you to be a friend like that too.

Day 4

Remember yesterday when you prayed to thank God for a friend who was there for you when you needed them? Now it's time to thank that friend.

Before you do, think through the situation again. Take a minute to remember how you felt, and how those feelings changed when your friend showed up for you. Think about the sacrifice they made: of their time or energy.

Then either write them a thank you note (or email or text), give them a call or video call, or go visit them. No matter how you choose to thank your friend for their help, just make sure they know how much you appreciate their friendship and how it inspires you to be a good friend too.



Day 5

Make a list of the best qualities of a few of your closest friends. Maybe they make you laugh, or they listen when you're having a bad day. List at least five things that make them a good friend to you.

Now, flip the script. Write five things that you think are true of you when it comes to friendship. What would your friends say about you as a friend?

Compare the two lists—do you notice any differences?

- ✓ Have you chosen good friends—people who are kind, encouraging, and loyal?
- ✓ Are you being a good friend to others?
- ✓ Would people say you are selfish or selfless?

If you realize that you haven't been as good of a friend as others have been to you, pick one thing from your friends' list that you can work on this week. On the flipside, if you feel like you've been a good friend but maybe your friends haven't been so kind to you, maybe it's time to reach out and try to make a new friend! (Making new friends doesn't mean giving up on your current ones, but everyone needs someone in their corner who will have their back!)