### 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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*Watch Bible Video Here:* <u>https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/7c643d74-6029-4522-</u> ae39-d5f4379036e3 week of September 6, 2020

# Block Party: Everyone's Invited

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

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First, watch this week's video!

Activity

**Better Together** 

What You Do

gets better!

WHAT YOU NEED:

Timer, six shirts, random toys, kitchen chairs, broom and dustpan

Tell your child you're going to play a

game. They'll get to do a list of tasks

and you'll time them. Then you'll do those same tasks again, but you'll do

them together and see if your time

Get ready for the following tasks

(i.e. unfold shirts, scatter toys, move

chairs away from the table, etc.), and

then time your child doing each of

Tuck in all the kitchen chairs

Sweep half the kitchen using

Organize one kitchen drawer

Record all the times on a sheet of

paper. Say, "You did those things so fast! Now, let's do them together and

Complete each task together and time

how long it takes. The times should

be faster. Once you're finished, record

the times on the same sheet of paper

as the others. Say, "Look how much

faster we were together. We can get so

much done when do things together."

Perfectly fold six shirtsPick up and put away toys

the tasks on their own.

the dustpan

see how quick we are!"

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, NIrV

#### **Bible Story**

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

#### **Bottom Line**

Choose your friends carefully.



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?

What makes that person a good friend?

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.)

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."

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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

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



# A Good Friend Is . . .

All month long we are talking about friendship which is using your words and actions to show others you care. Flip over this page and color the picture of the two friends. As you are doing this, think of all the things you like about your friends. Write or draw these things all around the picture. Try and fill up as much space as you can!

# Know that God wants you to choose good friends!

# Be A Good Friend

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Grab a piece of paper and some crayons. At the top of the page rainbow-write the words **GOOD FRIEND**. Then, I want you to divide your paper into three different parts and write one word in each section: **SCHOOL**, **PLAYGROUND**, **NEIGHBORHOOD**. I want you to think of a way that you can be a good friend at **SCHOOL**, on the **PLAYGROUND** and in your **NEIGHBORHOOD** and draw a picture showing it.

Look for ways that you can be a good friend this week.

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#### Two Are Better Than One

This week we learned all about friendship and how God wants us to have friends. **Ask an adult to help you look up Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.** These verses tell us that two people are better than one. They can help each other with everything. Can you think of something that is much better when you do it with someone else? Perhaps playing hideand-go-seek or Go Fish? We are not meant to do things alone all the time. Friends make life better! Take time to say the prayer below. After, invite someone to play a game with you.

Dear God, Thank You for the friends that I have in my life. Help me to be a great friend to them. Amen.

Look at God's creations all around you.

## Attract Friends

Ask an adult to help you gather a balloon, some scrap paper, and a marker. Tear the paper up into tiny pieces and place it on a flat surface. Now have an adult blow up your balloon, tie it, and draw a smiley face on it. Rub the balloon on your head for about 30 seconds and then roll it over the tiny pieces of paper. **What happens?** The tiny pieces of paper (friends) are attracted to the balloon (YOU)! It's the same way with friendship. When we are a good friend to others, they are attracted to us and want to be our friend as well!

Ask God to help you attract the right kind of friends.

Choose your friends carefully.

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