

Hello Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 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/f785cd6a-8398-4f92-a480-abe6136f7921>

# Block Party: Everyone's Invited



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

Elijah and Elisha  
(1 Kings 19:14-21;  
2 Kings 2:1-15)

### Bottom Line

Friends encourage  
one another.

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

## Activity

### Elijah or Elisha?

#### What You Need

Two sheets of paper and something to write with

#### What You Do

On one sheet of paper, write *Elijah* in large letters. On the other, write *Elisha*. (If you have more than one child playing the game, make a set of signs for each child. Enlist their help if they have neat enough handwriting!)

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll read a fact from the story today. If it's a fact about Elijah, they hold up the *Elijah* sign. If it's a fact about Elisha, they hold up the *Elisha* sign.

As you read the facts below, let your child(ren) guess before telling them the correct answer.

- He did amazing things through God's power, and was sent to anoint the other. (*Elijah*)
- He was plowing a field when the other came to find him. (*Elisha*)
- He kissed his father and mother goodbye and followed the other. (*Elisha*)
- He told the other to "stay here" because God had called him to Bethel. (*Elijah*)
- He said, "I won't leave you." (This happened several times.) (*Elisha*)
- He took his coat, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. (*Elijah*)
- He said the other was like a father to him. (*Elisha*)
- God took him up to heaven in a chariot of fire. (*Elijah*)
- After his friend had been taken to heaven, he rolled up his friend's coat and struck the water with it again, and the water divided and he walked on dry ground again—but this time he was alone. (*Elisha*)

After the game, tell your child that they did a great job remembering the details from the story!

## Talk about the Bible Story

How was Elijah a good friend to Elisha? (*Elijah encouraged Elisha to follow God's plan for his life.*)

Have you ever had a friend encourage you? How did it feel?

Have you ever encouraged a friend? What did you say?

Is there anyone you can think of who might need encouraging? What could we do as a family to encourage them?

## Prayer

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

"God, thank You for always being the kind of Friend to us that Elijah was to Elisha. You love us and encourage us through the words in the Bible, and You also encourage us through the people You've placed in our lives. Please help us to be the kind of friends who encourage others. We love You! 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

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



Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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## Build Up

Ask an adult to help you look up 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and for six plastic cups you can write on. Think of some encouraging words that you could say to a friend that would build them up. Ask an adult to write these words on the cups. Once you think of six different things to write, stack the cups in a pyramid shape. This could be three cups on the bottom, two on top of those, one on the very top. This is what it looks like when you use encouraging words, you build someone up! Ask God to help you be the kind of friend that encourages your friends.

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## Say Thanks

This week, we learned how Elisha and Elijah encouraged each other throughout their journey together. Have you ever thought about how you can do that for one of your friends? Take out a piece of paper and some crayons. You are going to create your very own thank you card. Choose a friend and tell them how much you appreciate him or her for being your friend. What a great way to encourage them and build them up just like we learned this week!

**Dear God, Thanks so much for giving me amazing friends. Thank You specifically for \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that they will feel encouraged and important because of the note that I made for them this week. Amen.**

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## I Choose You!

All this week we have been talking about different ways that we can encourage our friends and show them that they are important to us. Look at the list below and circle all the different ways that are encouraging a friend and building them up. Put an "x" through all of the ways that are not. Choose one of these things that you circled and do it for a friend this week.

Draw a picture for your friend  
Ask your friend what they would like to play.  
Ignore your friend when they wave to you.  
Tell your friend that they aren't good at soccer.  
Tell your friend that they are really smart.

Look for ways to encourage your friends.

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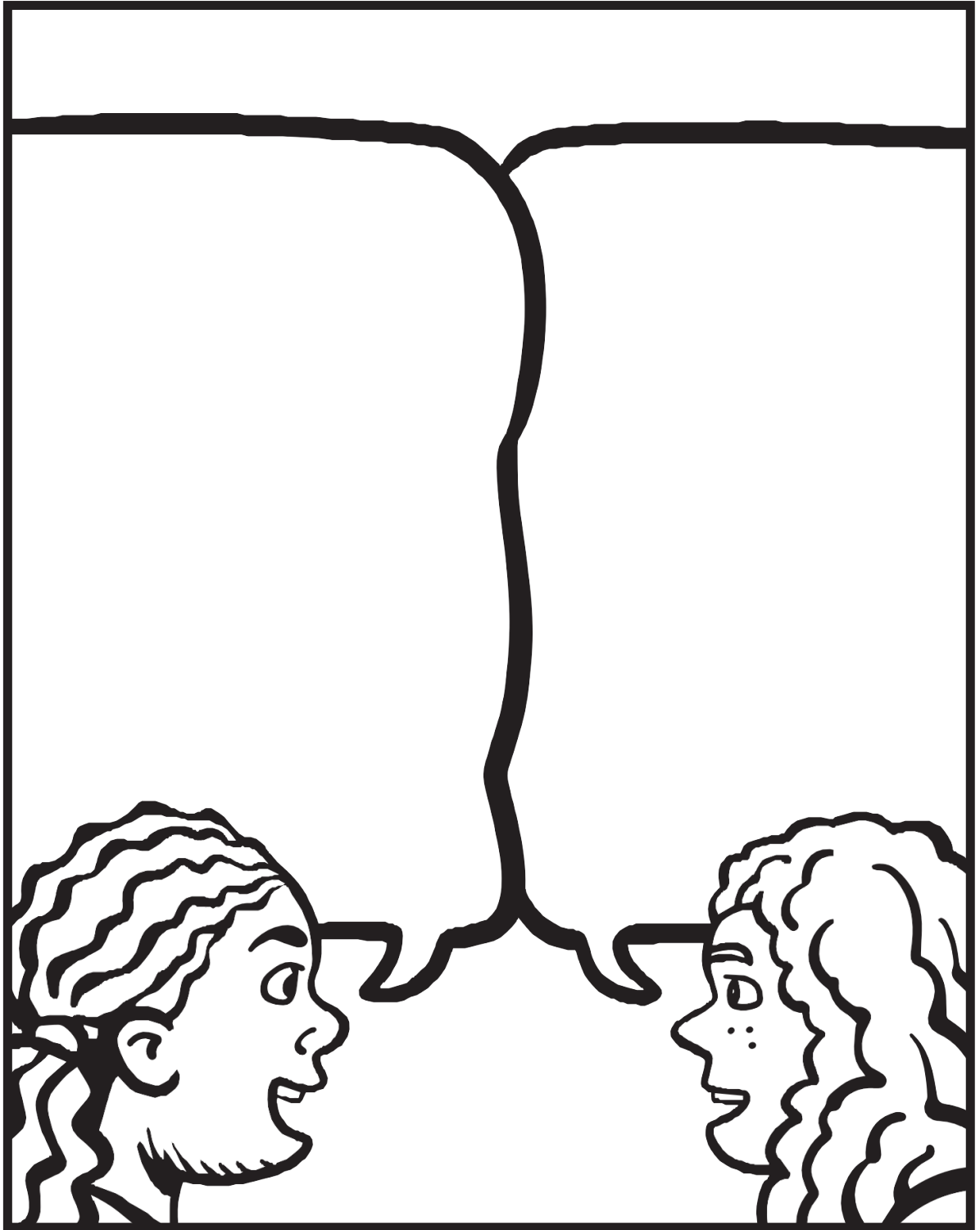
## Just Call Me

Ask an adult if you could call a friend and tell them how cool it is to be their friend! Think of a time when the two of you had a great time or laughed really hard at something. Share this or a favorite memory with them. Just let them know that you think they are great!

Know that God loves it when we encourage each other.

*Friends encourage one another.*

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