

Faith Builders: Friendship

Parents, you are welcome to use these ideas to help build your child's faith and encouraging them to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Quick Pick

Talk about friendship. Name a good friend that you have. What is he or she like? What kinds of things do you like to do with your friend? Invite children to talk about their friends.

Being A Good Friend



“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17



Key Word

Friend is someone who you like being with and who you can depend on.

Fun at Home:

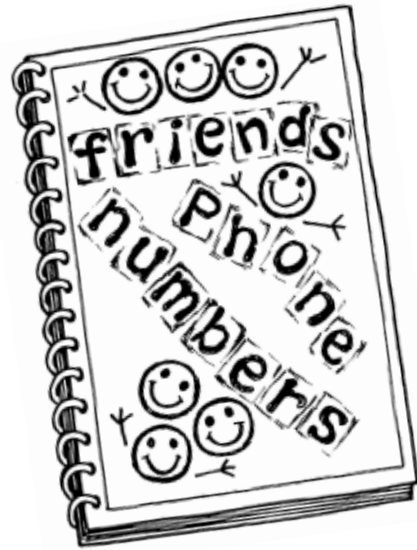
Take turns completing the sentence “A good friend is someone who. . . .”
See how many different sentences you can think of.

Now, Do the Craft activity provided and/or the game!

GETTING CRAFTY:

What Each Child Needs:

- 1 small spiral notebook
- Card stock in a variety of colours
- Ink pads of various colours
- Small alphabet rubber stamps other decorative rubber stamps
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Optional—markers



What Each Child Does:

1. Cut a piece of card stock to fit the front cover of your notebook. (Optional: For a more colourful look, cut a second piece of card stock slightly smaller than the first piece. Glue second piece of card stock on top of the first piece.)
2. Use alphabet rubber stamps to print "Friends " on the card stock cover. (You can add Phone Numbers or Birthdays or Address or pictures or whatever you are going to use the book for.) Use other decorative rubber stamps to decorate. (Optional: Use markers to print title and decorate.) Give the ink a few minutes to dry before you glue card stock cover to the front of the notebook. (Optional: Also cover the back cover with decorated card stock.)
3. Write your friends names and other information that you decided on in the book. Now you have a memory of all your friends.

GETTING ACTIVE

What You Need

Balloon for each pair of children
Large plastic bag



What You Do

1. Friends can be helpful to us in many ways. Let's play a game where we need friends to help us carry balloons. Inflate and tie the balloons. Place them in a large plastic bag.
2. Children form pairs. Pairs stand at one side of playing area. Give each pair a balloon. (Optional: For a greater challenge, children increase the number of balloons to carry.)
3. Pairs experiment with a variety of ways in which to carry the balloon to the other side of the playing area without using their hands to hold the balloon. For example, children may hold balloon between shoulders, heads or hips.
4. After children have had time to try several methods of carrying the balloon, ask all pairs to line up at one side of the playing area. Each pair chooses the method of carrying the balloon they think will be the fastest. At your signal, pairs carry balloons to the other side of the playing area and back, trying to see who can complete the task first.

Have Fun!