



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

friendship

I will be a good friend to others!



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Leader Guide

Engage:

Gather a few items that go well together and mix them all up in a large box. (Examples: toothbrush and toothpaste, peanut butter and jelly, hot cocoa and marshmallows, ice cream and sprinkles, macaroni box and cheese, cereal and milk, bat and ball, cupcakes and frosting) Have the kids find "like" items and put them together. Talk about how there are certain things that go well together. Being there and loving people goes well with being a good friend.

Discuss:

Have the kids open up their Bibles and read together Ruth 1

The story of Ruth and Naomi is an incredible tale about friendship. Ruth had married Naomi's son; however, he ended up passing away and leaving Ruth a widow. At that time, Ruth could have chosen to leave Naomi and head back home. But she made a decision to stay with Naomi and support her. Because of Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi, she was blessed.

As a group talk about these questions together.

- What are some qualities of a good friend?
- Why is it important to have good friends in your life?
- Why is being a good friend important?

Response:

Encourage the kids to think about what it means to be a good friend. As they're thinking, have them take a piece of paper and water color paints to create a picture showing an example of what they can do to be a good friend. Let the kids share with each other what they painted and how this helps them develop strong friendships with others.

Memorize:

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24, NLT)

You will need a ball for this activity. Have the kids create a circle and pass the ball back and forth to each other. Each time a kid receives the ball, they should say one word from the memory verse. You can increase the speed for each round, or have the kids say the verse with fun accents!

Create:

Have the kids think of someone that is one of their closest friends. Supply different color strings and teach them how to make friendship bracelets to give to them. As they work, tell them to pray for their friends. Tell the kids to give the bracelets to their friends this week and let them know that they are thankful for their friendship.

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What was the Big Idea?

I will be a _____
to others.

This week think of a friend that you
can encourage and share kindness to!

Memory Verse:

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friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 (NLT)