

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



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Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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Stick It To 'Em

We are learning just how important our friends are this month. How can we show our friends that they are important to us? Grab three sticky notes and pencil. Come up with three different ways that you can show your friends they are important to you. Maybe you want to draw a picture for a friend, invite a friend over for cookies, or teach a friend a cool trick you learned. Now that you have these written down, think of the friend you want to these for and write their name on each sticky note, and do it this week.

Ask God to help you as you show your friends that they are important to you!

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Love Always!

Ask an adult to help you look up Proverbs 17:17. Find a mirror or a window that you can write this verse on where you can see it every day. What does the verse mean when it says, "at all times?" Does this mean that we love our friends when we are happy? What does it mean when we are sad or upset with our friends? It means we love no matter what, at all times! We love them when things are good and when things are not so good. We would want them to do the same for us.

Know that God wants us to love our friends at all times, **just like He loves us!**

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Take Time

Spending time with a friend and getting to know them is a way to show love to them. This week, spend time with a friend and "interview" them. Find out all their favorite things! Here is a list to get you started: favorite food, favorite animal, favorite color, favorite toy, favorite sport.

Look for ways to **show your friends that they are important to you!**

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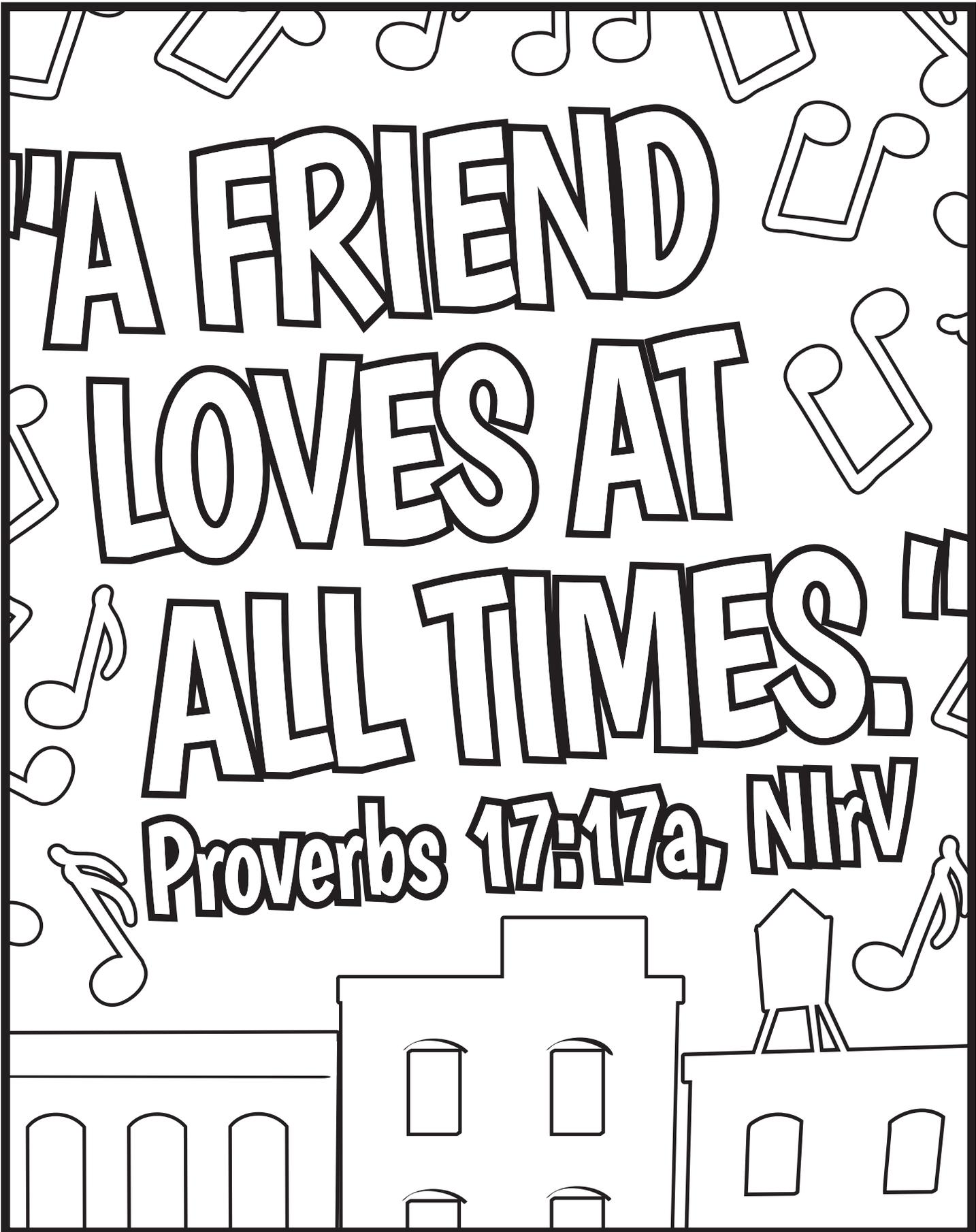
Best Friends

This week we learned about a special friendship that went together just as well. Do you remember who it was? David and _____. Did you know that they are the most famous friendship in the whole Bible? So when someone talks about David they also think about his best friend, Jonathan. That's pretty amazing. Do you have a friend in your life that is special like that? Maybe you consider them to be your best friend, just like David did! If so, write their name here: _____. Let's take a minute and pray for them because that's another way we can show our friends that they are important to us!

Dear God, Thank You for being such a good friend to us. And thank You for giving me an amazing friend like _____. I am very thankful for him/her. Help me to be a good friend to him/her. Amen.

Friends love one another.

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**"A FRIEND
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Proverbs 17:17a, NIV

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DAY 1

Read Proverbs 17:17

Are you learning about verbs at school? Verbs are action words. So, here's a little exercise. Circle the action words in the sentences below.

- Sam runs around his town for exercise.
- Destiny loves to dance.
- Celia helps her mom with dinner.

Did you underline runs, dance, and helps? Great job—you found all the verbs. Now take a look at the first sentence from your verse today. What is the action word? _____

Yes, a friend loves. The verb or action is love. Friends choose to love. When the friend is sad, when the friend is quiet, when the friend is talking a lot and when the friend wants to play a game you really dislike. Friends love. It's what friends do. You can show love as you play, as you listen, as you dance, and as you get a job done.

What are some ways you can show love to your friends this week? Write down three specific ideas in the space below.

Ask God to help you follow through to show love to your friends in the specific ways you've written down. And also, spend some time thanking God for loving you, always.

DAY 2

Read 1 Peter 4:8

Do you know what the word “deeply” means? To love one another deeply simply means to do so with purpose. So, another cool way to say it is that friends should love one another on purpose. Why? Because love erases wrongs. We all mess up sometimes. But when we choose to love others on purpose, it helps us to forgive and move on.

Find a dry erase board and marker or ask an adult if you can write on a mirror with a washable marker. Write out the words of today's verse and read it aloud. Then, erase one word and repeat the verse again, including the missing word. Continue in the same way, erasing one word at a time and repeating the verse until you can recite it from memory.

Thank God for loving you on purpose and for erasing all your sins or mess ups. Ask Him to help you be a good friend by loving others around you too.

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DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:7

How can you show your friends that you love and follow God?

The answer is simple: friends love one another. Why? Because love comes from God. In fact, God IS love. You cannot separate God from love. The biggest way you can show others that you love God is to love the people around you too!

Grab a sheet of paper and some coloring supplies. Write this week's bottom line on the page, "**Friends love one another.**" Hang this somewhere you'll see it all week.

Look for ways to show love to your friends.

DAY 4

Read Romans 12:10

Circle the response that shows love in the scenarios below:

Your friend is sad but you don't know why.

- You ignore it and keep playing.
- You ask what's wrong and then listen when she's ready to talk.
- You tell your friend to stop acting so quiet and weird.

Your friend throws the ball and it goes down in the gutter. You say,

- "It's okay. It was an accident."
- "Way to go. Now we can't play anymore!"
- "I can't believe you did that!"

Your friend misses catching the ball and your kickball team loses at recess.

- You yell at your friend in front of everyone.
- You refuse to speak to that friend for the rest of recess.
- You say, "It's okay" and remind him that you missed a big shot earlier in the game.

It's easy to spot the "right" answers in these scenarios. But in real life, it can be really hard to love and honor others more than yourself. The good news is that God will help you be a good friend, the kind of friend who loves even when it's hard.

Thank God for loving you and for showing you how to love others too. Ask Him to help you honor others more than yourself this week, when it's easy and when it's hard.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR FRIENDS THEY'RE IMPORTANT?

Journaling lines for the question: HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR FRIENDS THEY'RE IMPORTANT?



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read 1 Samuel 20:1-21

In 1 Samuel 20, we find the story of a friendship between two men: David and Jonathan. In the first part of the chapter, the two friends make a plan for saving David's life, as Jonathan's father, the king, wants to kill David.

Read 1 Samuel 20:1-21 out loud, and pretend you are on a stage, delivering the lines with passion. Imagine how the friends must have felt, being scared for David's life, not trusting Saul, and also fearing for their future friendship.

As you read, pay special attention to the words and actions of Jonathan. Talk about a BFF (best friend forever) worth having!

Day 3

Jonathan and David made a agreement of friendship before God. This means they made a promise to God that they would always be kind and loving to each other and to their families.

Today, make your own covenant of friendship before God. But instead of making it with a specific friend, pray a prayer of promise that you will be a good friend to everyone. Here's an example, but feel free to change it up and use your own words, just be sure and pray specifically for a friend or two.

"Dear God, thank You for the example of Jonathan and David's friendship that teaches us so much about what it means to be a good friend. They show us that friends love one another, and I want to be that kind of loving friend too. Today, I promise to love my friends. Please help me put others first and always look out for my friends' best interest. Today, I especially want to pray for my friends (list one or more of your close friends) _____ . Please help me know how to best show them I love and care for them as friends do. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen."

Day 4

Who is a trusted adult or older friend who you have seen being a good and loving friend to others?

Take a few minutes today to talk to that person about friendship. You can use the questions below to interview them about their friendships.

- 1) Who would you say is your closest friend? What do you love about them?
- 2) Did you have a best friend when you were my age? Who was it? What did you love about them?
- 3) What is one way you like to show love to your friends?
- 4) What is one way your friends have shown you their love?

Thank your friendship interviewee for their time, and ask them to pray for you to be a loving friend.

Day 5

Look back to day three. Which friends did you pray for? Choose one or two of them to honor today:

Now it's time to make sure your friends know how much you love them.

Friendships are as unique as people are, so think about what would show love to your friend, which may or may not be the same thing that would mean a lot to you.

Grab a sheet of paper and write down the answer to as many of these categories/questions as you can for each friend you plan to honor:

- 1) Favorite activities
- 2) Favorite foods
- 3) Favorite treats
- 4) Favorite movie
- 5) Favorite music
- 6) Favorite ways to communicate (in person, text, video chat, etc.)

Now use as many of the answers you wrote above to make a Friendship Ambush that will show your friend how much you love them. For example, you could send them a text with a GIF from one of their favorite movies, and make a plan to meet up for their favorite activity. Or you could make their favorite treat and show up on their doorstep with it as a surprise. Make a playlist of their favorite music and have a dance party over video chat. The possibilities are endless—there are so many ways to show your friend how important they are to you!