

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

DAY 1

Read Proverbs 18:24

Do you know what the word “faithful” means? Faithful means loyal, constant, and steady. Do you have a faithful friend? A friend who... encourages you when you're down? Makes you laugh when it's the very last thing you want to do? Not only makes a promise but keeps it?

Are you a faithful friend who sticks closer than a brother? Or an unfaithful fickle friend who isn't reliable?

Ask Your Adults

Interview your parents today and ask the following questions:

1. Who is your best friend and why?
2. Read Proverbs 18:24 together. What do you think this verse means?
3. What does it mean to be a faithful friend?

DAY 2

Read Luke 6:31

Did you know that Jesus had friends while He was here on earth? It's true! There were the 12 disciples of course. But there were also women who followed Him. Jesus was friends with Mary and Martha and Lazarus! People lived out what he taught. Jesus treated others the way He wanted to be treated! He was patient and kind and loving toward them, even when they didn't understand what He was trying to do.

Be That Friend

Make a list of ten characteristics of a good friend. (Examples: kind, generous, a good listener, funny, etc.) Then circle your top three! For the next 24 hours, do your best to treat your friends this way; because to have good friends, it's important to be a good friend!

DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:7

When was the last time someone made you a promise? Did they keep it? When was the last time you made a promise to someone else? Did you follow through? Sometimes, we say something without really thinking it through. We make a promise with no real plan for following through. And then when we do break that promise, we leave the other person disappointed.

God never does that. When God makes a promise, God keeps it! As you look for friends who keep their promises, ask God to help you love others and keep your promises too! Because friends keep their promises.

Cross It Out

Mark out all the letters of the alphabet in order starting with the first letter "A" all the way to "Z" in the puzzle below. Then read today's verse!

ADEARBFRIENDS,CLETDUSELOVEF
ONEGANOTHERHBECAUSEILOVEJ
COMESKFROMLGOD.MEVERYONENW
HOOLOVESPHASQBECOMERASCHIL
DTOFUGODVANDWKNOWSXGOD.YI
JOHNZ4:7

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DAY 4

Read 2 Samuel 9:7

In our Bible story this week, we talked about the unlikely friendship between David and Jonathan. They should have been enemies. After all, as the son of King Saul, Jonathan could have been jealous and angry that God had chosen David as the next king. But Jonathan loved David as himself. He protected David from his own father who wanted to harm him. In return, David promised to protect Jonathan's family as long as he was alive.

That's why David sought out Jonathan's grandson Mephibosheth. David kept his promise by protecting and providing for Mephibosheth like he was a member of his own family.

Have you ever had a friend who went out of their way to keep a promise to you? That kind of friend is a friend worth keeping! Are you a friend like that? Are you a promise keeper too?

For Sure

Fill in the missing consonants from today's verse below.

"...David told him, "oua.....e
.....u.....e..." 2 Samuel 9:7a, NIV

Ask God to help you be the kind of friend others can be sure of by keeping your promises!

Answer: You can be sure