

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



Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

DAY
1

Oh, Peter!

Have you ever said something and it hurt someone's feelings? That's exactly what Peter did in our Bible story this week. He messed up over and over again and ended up hurting one of his best friends, Jesus. The cool part of the story, though, is that Jesus showed us exactly how a friend should respond. He went and found Peter and forgave Him. What would you have done if you were Jesus? Can you think of a time when someone forgave you when you did something that hurt them? Turn this page over and see how many times you can find the phrase FRIENDS FORGIVE. **Know that Jesus showed us how to forgive, even when we are hurt.**

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2

Forgive And Forget

Ask an adult to help you look up Ephesians 4:32. This verse says to be kind one another and forgive one another. Why? Because Jesus forgave you! Can you think of a time when a friend hurt your feelings and you really didn't want to forgive them? Maybe they laughed at you or said something hurtful to you. It's really hard to forgive sometimes. The next time someone hurts you, forgive them and show them that you forgive them. Make them a friendship bracelet or paint a rock and tell them that their friendship rocks! **Look for ways to show your friends that you forgive them.**

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3

Forgive or Explode!

Forgiving someone can be very hard! When we don't forgive someone, we bottle up all our anger inside until we want to explode! Let's do a little experiment to show you what I mean. Ask an adult to help you follow these instructions:

1. Add 1/4 cup warm water to a plastic zip-top sandwich bag.
2. Next add 1/2 cup of vinegar to the same bag.
3. Measure out 3 tsp. of baking soda and dump that in the center of a tissue.
4. Fold up the tissue around the baking soda.
5. Drop the tissue into the bag and close it.
6. Step back.

The explosion of the vinegar and the baking soda shows what it can feel like on the inside of us when we don't forgive others. **Ask God to help you forgive your friends when they have hurt you.**

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4

What Do You Know?

All month long we have been learning about FRI_NDS_IP. We L_VE each other. We ACCEPT one another. We FO_GIVE each other. We EN_OURAG_ one another. Way to go! You guys are well on your way to being a great friend and choosing great friends!

Dear God, Thank You for showing us all we need to know about friendship. Help us to remember all that we learn and have the courage to be the kind of friend that You want us to be! Amen.

Friends forgive
one another.

Instructions: See how many times you can find the words,
FRIENDS FORGIVE, in this word search.

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DAY 1

Read Colossians 3:13

If you spend any amount of time around someone else, that someone else is probably going to get on your nerves. When that happens, what do you do? Do you yell right back, say something mean, or ignore him too?

Paying someone back when they bug you isn't how friendship should work. Everyone messes up sometimes, including you. That means that everyone will need to be forgiven, including you. In order to protect our friendships, sometimes we just need to "put up with one another", forgive and move on. The only way we can do that is to remember that **God loves and forgives us, always.**

Unscramble the words below and read the phrase aloud. Ask God to help you follow through and forgive others this week so you can be a good friend to others.

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ETRNOAH

Answer: Friends forgive one another.

DAY 2

Read Ephesians 4:32

When was the last time a friend did something that hurt you? What happened? Have you forgiven them?

When was the last time you did something that hurt someone else? What happened? Have you asked for forgiveness?

Forgiveness is definitely a two-way street. Sometimes you need it, sometimes you need to give it. It helps to start with kindness. When someone hurts you and says, "I'm sorry," instead of holding onto your anger or looking for ways to hurt them back, **God asks us to forgive.** He loves you so much that sent His only Son Jesus so that you could be forgiven. And because He's already forgiven you, God wants you to forgive others too.

Grab the thickest rubber band you can find. If you don't have a rubber band, ask an adult to help you make a bracelet out of duct tape. Write the word "FORGIVEN" and "FORGIVE" on the bracelet in big block letters. As you wear your bracelet this week, ask God to help you forgive others just as He's forgiven you.

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PARENT CUE

DAY 3

Read Luke 17:3-4

$3 + 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$12 - 5 = \underline{\quad}$

$20 - 13 = \underline{\quad}$

Did you get the same answer for all three of the math problems above? What was that answer? Yes, seven!

Is there anything you do seven times a day? You probably don't eat seven meals a day. Or brush your teeth seven times.

Have you ever forgiven someone seven times? That seems like a lot doesn't it? But what if you reverse the idea. What if you are the one who messes up? Wouldn't you want to be forgiven seven times? Of course. And the awesome reality is, we have. When we confess—or tell God what we've done and say we're sorry—He will forgive. Instead of keeping score or holding a grudge, remember that friends forgive one another.

Write down the names of seven friends in the space below. As you pray today, call out each friend's name and ask God to help you stop keeping score and just forgive them as He has forgiven you.



DAY 4

Read Luke 6:31

We've been talking about friendship all month long. Friendship is using your words and actions to show you care. Grab a piece of paper. At the top of the page write "A Good Friend." Then, cover your page with words that describe a good friend. (We've already learned a few to get you started: loves, encourages, forgives)

Everyone wants to have good friends. **The secret to having good friends is to be a good friend.** And the best way to be a good friend is by applying the golden rule every day. It's found in our verse today. The golden rule says to treat others the way you want to be treated.

So, here's a little challenge. Hang your good friend sign on the bathroom mirror. Each day as you wash your hands or brush your teeth, focus on one or two of the words you've written on the page. Then ask God to help treat others the way you want to be treated and thank Him for the friends He's given you!



HOW DO YOU REACT WHEN A FRIEND HURTS YOU?

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AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES

Week 4



➡Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

After watching, write one thing that:

Day 2

Read John 21:1-17

Grab your favorite drawing supplies, and as you read through John 21:1-17, every time an animal is mentioned, draw it. (Hint: There will be a lot of fish.)

When you're done, go back and read verses 15-17. This conversation may seem a little strange to us, but to Peter, it meant one REALLY important thing: Jesus was forgiving him.

At the top of the drawing you just made, write "Friends forgive one another." Hang the drawing somewhere you will see it regularly to remind you of the story of Jesus and Peter and to forgive your friends!

Day 3

Forgiveness isn't easy. In fact, it's pretty hard sometimes. But thankfully Jesus gave us a great example of forgiveness—both with His friendship with Peter, and with us!

Is there someone you need to forgive right now? If so, use this prayer (or use your own words) to ask God for help.

Dear God, thank You for the gift of friendship, and for the example we see from Jesus of how friends forgive. Right now, I'm pretty upset with _____ because _____. But I care about our friendship, and I want to make things right. Please help me forgive _____. Help me to choose our friendship over being right. Thanks, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.

If your friendships are in a good place right now and you don't have anyone you feel you need to forgive right now, then pray this prayer.

Dear God, thank You for the gift of friendship, and for the example we see from Jesus of how friends forgive. I am really thankful for all of my friends. Help me to always remember that You have forgiven me. Help me to always choose friendship over being right. Thanks, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 4

Remember the prayer you prayed yesterday? If you chose prayer #1, and there was someone you need to forgive, today is the day to make things right. There are a few ways to do this:

- 1) If your friend asked for your forgiveness, just go to them and tell them you have!
- 2) If your friend hasn't asked for forgiveness, you may want to start out by (kindly) explaining how you were hurt by something they said or did. Then explain that you have forgiven them because you care about them, and friends forgive!

If you chose prayer #2, and your friendships are all in a good place, then go find someone you respect and chat for a second about what forgiveness has looked like in their life. Ask them questions like:

- 1) When have you been forgiven by friend? How did being forgiven change your friendship?
- 2) When have you found it hard to forgive a friend? How did you end up choosing forgiveness?

P.S. It may also be that you are the friend who needs to ask for forgiveness. Think about your friendships. Is there anyone who you may have hurt recently? If so, go and talk to your friend and apologize. Friends forgive, so a good friend will forgive you!

Day 5

When a friend hurts you, at first it can be hard to forgive. Even if you know you should forgive, sometimes you may not know how.

Believe it or not, practicing can help! Forgiveness may not come naturally to us, but it is something we can get better at.

Place an empty chair in the middle of the room. Then think back to the last time someone hurt your feelings. Imagine that person is in the chair and is asking for your forgiveness. Have a conversation with that pretend person in the chair. Create an imaginary conversation where your friend asks your forgiveness (be specific) and you choose to forgive them.

It may feel a little silly, but it really does help to imagine ourselves forgiving our friends.

And forgiving our friends paves the way for our relationship to not just continue, but also to grow stronger!