

WEEK ONE

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times. He is there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17 NIV

READ ROMANS 15:7

DAY 1

What is the hardest thing for you to accept about others? Maybe you can't stand it when someone is loud and talks a lot. Or maybe you have a hard time forgiving people when they've lied—even if they apologize.

Whatever the biggest obstacle is for you in accepting others, write it down on a sticky note. Then take another sticky note and write down something you've done to a friend that you're glad God forgave you for. Now take one last sticky note and write out Romans 15:7.

Cover the first two sticky notes with the Bible verse and stick them on your bathroom mirror or some place you will see it often. When you see the notes, remember that Jesus' acceptance of you makes it possible for you to accept others!

THANK Jesus for accepting you just as you are.

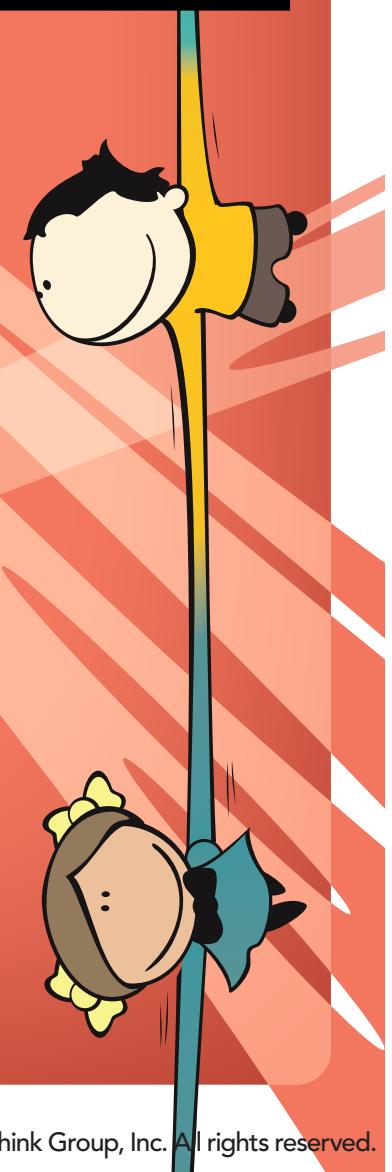
READ ROMANS 2:11

DAY 2

Get out five of your toys and line them up in order of your favorite to your least favorite. Does this order change day by day or pretty much stay the same?

It's one thing to play favorites when it comes to our toys, but imagine how awful it would be if we did that to each other. It wouldn't make our friends feel very good if we lined them up and said who was our favorite and then pointed to the far end of the line and said that person wasn't our favorite. Instead of treating some friends nicer this week and ignoring others, try to treat everyone the way you want to be treated.

ASK God to help you see others as He sees them.



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DAY 3

Unscramble the following words to figure out this week's verse. Then doublecheck by going to read Luke 6:31:

od ot hestor sa oyu ntaw hmet ot od ot uyo.

There's a reason it's called the Golden Rule. When you're not sure how to respond to a friend, it's always a good idea treat others like we want to be treated. When we do, our relationships with God and each other will be so much stronger!

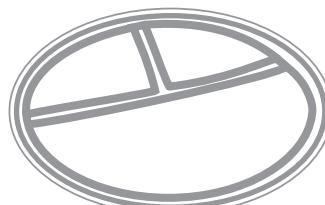
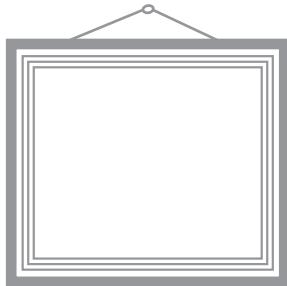
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for ways to BE the kind of friend you would want to HAVE.

READ JOHN 6:37

DAY 4

Think about how you respond when there are new foods on your plate. Maybe veggies aren't your thing, or you don't like casseroles with lots of things mixed together. Draw a quick sketch of your expression and what you don't like to see on your plate for dinner.



How do you respond to new people? They might become great friends, but you don't know at first, do you? If we want to be more like Jesus, we need to remember that He accepts everyone. In fact, He promised He would never send anyone away who comes to Him. He wants us to be the same way.

So today when you sit down to eat, thank God for ALL the food on your plate and ALL the people in your life—even the foods that aren't your favorite and the friends you're not so sure about. Then, with an open mind, try a bite of everything on your plate and think about how you can show you're willing to try with the people you run into this week.

KNOW that God has accepted you, so you can accept others too.

