

Block Party: Everyone's Invited



First, watch
this week's
video!

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

Memory Verse

"A friend loves at
all times. They are
there to help when
trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Bible Story

Elijah and Elisha
(1 Kings 19:14-21;
2 Kings 2:1-15)

Key Question

When has someone
encouraged you?

Use this guide with your family to learn how
God can help us be better friends.

Activity

Elijah or Elisha?

What You Need

Two sheets of paper and something to write with

What You Do

On one sheet of paper, write *Elijah* in large letters. On the other, write *Elisha*. (If you have more than one child playing the game, make a set of signs for each child. Enlist their help if they have neat enough handwriting!)

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll read a fact from the story today. If it's a fact about Elijah, they hold up the *Elijah* sign. If it's a fact about Elisha, they hold up the *Elisha* sign.

As you read the facts below, let your child(ren) guess before telling them the correct answer.

- He did amazing things through God's power, and God sent him to choose who was sent to anoint the other. (*Elijah*)
- He was plowing a field when the other came to find him. (*Elisha*)
- He kissed his father and mother goodbye and followed the other. (*Elisha*)
- He told the other to "stay here" because God had called him to Bethel. (*Elijah*)
- He said, "I won't leave you." (This happened several times.) (*Elisha*)
- He took his coat, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. (*Elijah*)
- He said the other was like a father to him. (*Elisha*)
- God took him up to heaven in a chariot of fire. (*Elijah*)
- After his friend had been taken to heaven, he rolled up his friend's coat and struck the water with it again, and the water divided and he walked on dry ground again—but this time he was alone. (*Elisha*)

Talk about the Bible Story

When has someone encouraged you? What did they do?

Tell me about a time when you encouraged someone else. What did you do?

How could you benefit from having friends who are older than you?

What about younger friends?
Who's someone younger that you could encourage?

Why does it sometimes feel awkward to use our words to encourage our friends?

What would make it easier to encourage our friends?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for always being the kind of Friend to us that Elijah was to Elisha. You love us and encourage us through the words in the Bible, and You also encourage us through the people You've placed in our lives. Please help us to be the kind of friends who encourage others. We love You! Amen."



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!

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After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

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Day 4

Today you're going to put on your encouragement hat and encourage others like it's your job! Before you start, write a smiley face on your hand to remind yourself to make others smile all day.

Offer encouragement to every single person you come into contact today. Think about:

- ✓ Friends
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Siblings
- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Bus driver
- ✓ Coaches
- ✓ Community helpers

You can come up with encouragement in real time, or you can take a minute right now to think of something encouraging you can say to each person you know you will see today. You can encourage others in so many ways, like:

- ✓ Giving them a compliment
- ✓ Helping them carry in groceries
- ✓ Writing a short note of encouragement to leave on their desk
- ✓ Anything else that you know will make them smile!

Day 5

When Elijah encouraged Elisha, it was all about how God was going to use him. He told Elisha that he would go on to do great things for God just as Elijah had.

What gifts, talents, and resources do you have that God might want you to use to share His love for others?

Who has encouraged you to use or develop these talents? (Think a parent who pays for lessons or activities, a teacher who teaches and encourages you, etc.)

How has that person's encouragement motivated you to do more, to improve or to keep going in pursuit of doing your best?

Now, go put their encouragement into action. Go to the court and do drills, practice your piano, or write a short story. As you do these things, say a prayer of thankfulness for those who have encouraged you along the way.

Day 2

Read 2 Kings 2:1-15

In the story of Elijah and Elisha, we see a great example of friends encouraging one another, but it's not just the older prophet encouraging the younger. Elisha encourages Elijah as well with four simple words that he says more than once. Find those words and write them here:

_____.

Then Elijah encourages Elisha later, first by asking him a question. Write that question here (Hint: see verse nine).

There are a lot of ways to encourage your friends, but these two men hit on two great ones: remind your friends you will always be there for them, and ask them how you can help them!



Day 3

A great way to encourage your friends is to pray for them! (And then tell them you prayed for them!)

Make a list of a few friends below, along with something you can pray for each of them. Think about areas like: health, school, friendships, family, sports. Even if your friend is healthy and has a pretty great life, everyone can use a friend who is praying for their peace, their strength in facing difficult days, their relationships with friends and family.

After you've prayed for your friends, shoot them an email or text, or simply write, "I prayed for you this morning!" on a sticky note and hand it off to them the next time you see them.

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Theme

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Week Three

Elijah and Elisha

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Ask This

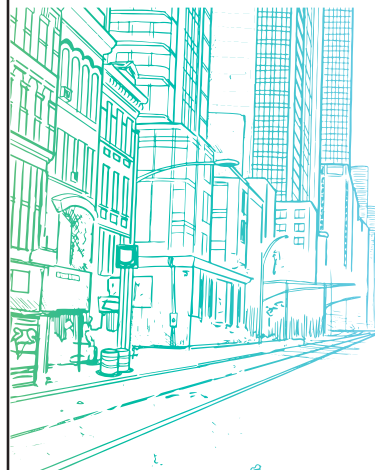
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Do This



Bed Time

Take a few minutes to share how you have been encouraged by someone else. Now, brainstorm some ways that you could encourage a friend this week. It might be drawing a card, taking an extra treat in your lunch to share, or just giving them a big smile. Pray that God would show you creative ways to encourage your friends this week.



**If you want
your kid to be
a good friend,
teach them to be
the friend they
want to find.**

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