

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

Jesus Forgives
Peter
(John 21:1-19)

Key Question

How do you react
when a friend
hurts you?

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



Activity

True, False, Shoot!

What You Need

Laundry basket, balled-up socks, surprise treat

What You Do

Place the laundry basket in the center of the room. Direct your child to walk 10 paces directly away from it. Then explain the game: You'll ask the following questions. If they get a question wrong, you'll give them the correct answer and move on to the next question. If they get a question right, they get one point and a chance to try to toss a pair of socks into the basket. If they get the socks into the basket, they get an extra point (two points total). Keep track of your child's score as you go.

1. True or false: On the night Jesus was arrested, Peter told everyone that Jesus was his best friend. (*False; Peter said that he didn't even know Jesus.*)
2. True or false: After Jesus died and came back to life, Peter and his friends got on a boat to go fishing. (*True*)
3. After Peter and his friends fished all night, they caught:
a) no fish, b) a few fish, or c) a ton of fish? (*a. no fish*)
4. True or false: After they were done fishing, they looked on the shore and saw Jesus standing there. (*True; but they didn't recognize who He was*)
5. What happened when the disciples threw their nets on the right side of the boat? (*The net was so full of fish that they couldn't get it into the boat!*)
6. What did Peter do when he realized it was Jesus on the shore? (*He put on his coat and jumped into the water.*)
7. When Peter and his friends got to the beach, what was Jesus doing? (*cooking breakfast*)
8. True or false: When Jesus told Peter to "feed my lambs," He meant that He had some pet lambs at home and He needed someone to take care of them. (*False; He meant that Peter should take care of the people following Jesus*)
9. Did Jesus forgive Peter for saying that he didn't know Jesus? (*Yes*)

When the game is finished, surprise your kid with a treat!

Talk about the Bible Story

What did Peter do to Jesus? How did Jesus react? (*Peter said three times that he didn't know Jesus. Jesus forgave His friend.*)

Have you ever had to forgive a friend? What happened?

Have you ever had to ask for forgiveness from a friend? How did it feel?

How can you show forgiveness to a friend by more than just accepting their apology?

What can you do when you forgive a friend but they keep hurting you in the same way? (*If someone keeps showing you that they're not a good friend, you can choose wisely about the time you spend with them. Ask an adult you trust for advice and help. BUT we should always offer forgiveness.*)

Prayer

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

"God, thank You for teaching us how to be a good friend. Jesus showed us that even though a friend may hurt our feelings, we don't have to stay hurt. We have the power to forgive. Because Jesus forgives us, we should forgive others. That's what good friends do. Thank You for forgiving us and loving us. Thank You for being the best Friend we could ever ask for. 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!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

Journal

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

**HOW DO YOU
REACT WHEN A
FRIEND HURTS
YOU?**

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!

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.

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WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT
THIS!

Theme

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Week Four

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John 21:1-19

Ask This

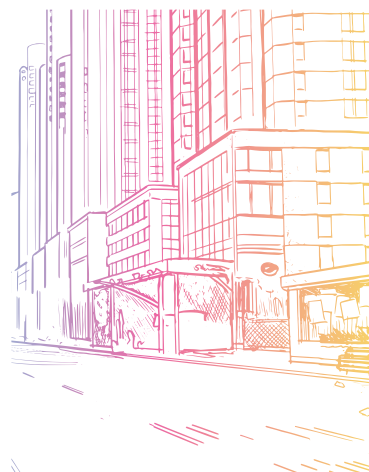
How do you react when a friend hurts you?

Do This



Drive Time

Plan a time when you will be close to a friend's house and drop something special off for them! You can write a card or make a special treat. This is a great way to show you care.



**The way a preteen
values friendships
may be one of the
greatest transitions
of this phase.**

For blog posts and parenting resources, visit TheParentCue.org
