

Have fun learning and playing  
with your preschooler!



First, watch  
this week's  
video!



### Bible Story

Joseph Forgives  
(Genesis 42-45)

### Remember This

“For I know the plans I have  
for you,” says the Lord.”  
Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

### Say This

Who has a plan for you?  
God has a plan for me.

## Activity

### Time to Eat

### What You Need

Disposable waxed paper cups, and Cheerios® (or similar)

### What You Do

Invite your kid to sit with you. Give them a cup. Fill their cup with Cheerios as you review the Bible story.

### What You Say

“I have grain that I want to share like Joseph did. Do you want to eat some grain with me?”

“God has a plan for *(child's name)*. *(Put Cheerios in cup.)* We are sharing yummy grain just like Joseph did. Remember how Joseph saved the grain so everyone would have food later?”

“Here's some more grain! *(Add more Cheerios.)* May I share with you? *(Take a few Cheerios.)* Now we both have food, just like the people in our story.

*(Finish while your kid eats.)* “Lots and lots of people came to Joseph for food, even Joseph's brothers. Joseph trusted that God has a plan, so when his brothers came looking for food, he forgave them and gave them food. We can trust that God has a plan for me, too. **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!**”

## Prayer

“Heavenly Father, we LOVE You. Thank You for giving us the Bible so we can read about Your plans for people like Joseph. We know You have a plan for us, too. Help us follow You because Your plan is best. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.”

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

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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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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.

Friends forgive one another.

PARENT CUE

DAY 3

### Read Luke 17:3-4

3 + 4 = \_\_\_

12 - 5 = \_\_\_

20 - 13 = \_\_\_

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.

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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!



SEPTEMBER  
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# Elementary

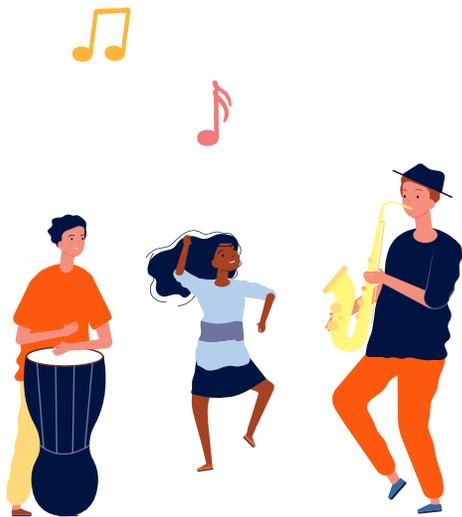
WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

# Block Party: Everyone's Invited

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



## REMEMBER THIS

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

## Week Four

Jesus Forgives Peter  
John 21:1-19

## Say This

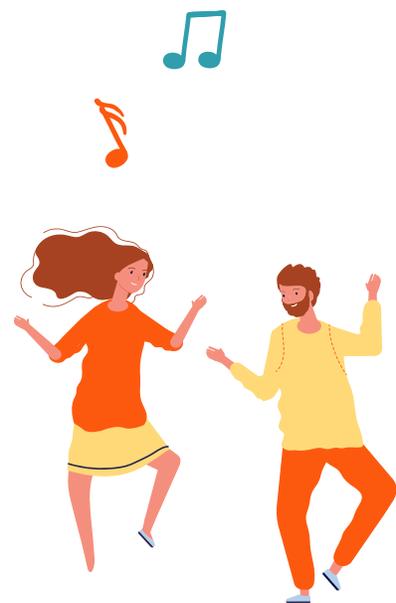
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## Do This



## Drive Time

**P**lan a time when you will be close to a friend's house and drop something special off for them! You can write a card, make a special treat, or give them a special toy you know they will like. This is a great way to show you care.



**Kids are keen  
observers, but poor  
interpreters. In other  
words, they may  
notice everything  
that happens, but fail  
to grasp the meaning.**

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