

# Block Party: Everyone's Invited



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

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

Two people are better than one  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

### Bottom Line

Choose your friends carefully.

## Activity

### Better Together

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

Timer, six shirts, random toys, kitchen chairs, broom and dustpan

#### What You Do

Tell your child you're going to play a game. They'll get to do a list of tasks and you'll time them. Then you'll do those same tasks again, but you'll do them together and see if your time gets better!

Get ready for the following tasks (i.e. unfold shirts, scatter toys, move chairs away from the table, etc.), and then time your child doing each of the tasks on their own.

- Perfectly fold six shirts
- Pick up and put away toys
- Tuck in all the kitchen chairs
- Sweep half the kitchen using the dustpan
- Organize one kitchen drawer

Record all the times on a sheet of paper. Say, "You did those things so fast! Now, let's do them together and see how quick we are!"

Complete each task together and time how long it takes. The times should be faster. Once you're finished, record the times on the same sheet of paper as the others. Say, "Look how much faster we were together. We can get so much done when do things together."

## Talk about the Bible Story

In the video today, we talked about how much better it can be when we do things together. Is there a particular friend that you like doing things with?

What makes that person a good friend?

Do you think it matters who you choose as a friend?  
*(Yes, because our friends influence us. We start to talk like them and act like them. So we should choose our friends carefully.)*

What kind of friend are you? What kind of friend do you want to be?

Say, "Remember, it matters who you choose to be friends with. If you choose friends who disobey, you'll probably disobey. If you choose friends who work hard, you'll probably work hard. Choose your friends carefully."



## Prayer

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

"God, thank You for being the best example of a good Friend. You love us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for us. You forgive us when we mess up. And You listen when we talk to You. Help us to be a good friend, too. Help us to be generous, to forgive, and to listen well. Help us to look for people who do those same things for us. Help us to choose our friends carefully. 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 Proverbs 13:20

Let's talk about friendship! Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care. Write down the names of a few of your friends.

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Did you know that God has something to say about the friends we choose? Friends can play a big role in the decisions we make. If a friend starts to laugh or say unkind things about someone else, you might join in too. If a friend asks you a question when the teacher is talking, you'll probably be tempted to answer and miss your teacher's instructions.

Wise friends can help you become wiser. Let's choose friends who are kind, helpful, forgiving, encouraging, and patient. When you do, you'll be tempted (in a good way!) to be more kind, helpful, forgiving, encouraging, and patient right back! So, remember, choose your friends carefully.

**Spend some time today thanking God for the friends on your list.** Ask God to help you be a good friend so that you can help others grow wise too.

DAY 2

## Read Proverbs 12:26

Let's pretend it is ice cream day at school. You happily line up, already tasting that creamy cold sugary goodness on your tongue. When you finally get to the front, you spot the last little container of chocolate—your favorite. You grab that cup with the small wooden spoon and smile widely all the way back to your seat.

What do you think is more important? The flavor of ice cream we choose or the friends we choose? Friendships are way more important than ice cream flavors. Why? Because friends have influence. Influence means to have an effect on someone's character, development, or behavior.

**We need to choose friend who will be a good influence.** That's why it's important to choose friends who will lead us in the right direction. So when you think about your friends, remember how careful you are about the ice cream you choose and be intentional with friendships too!

Spend some time today thanking God for ice cream and friendships! Ask Him to help you choose friends that will lead you in the right direction.

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DAY 3

## Read Proverbs 22:24-25

What happens if you take a bottle or can of soda pop and shake it up before you open it? Yep, better get out of the way! The carbonation inside will cause that soda to spew out the minute you release the pressure by opening the top of that bottle or can!

Do you know anyone who seems to get mad pretty easily? They respond to things almost like that bottle of soda pop. If something happens to shake them up, they might just blow up at all the people around them.

**That's why it's important to choose your friends carefully.** Because we pick up the behaviors of the people around us, good and bad! Spending time with someone who gets angry easily might mean that you become someone who blows up all the time too.

Write the words of today's verse on a small scrap of paper and tape it around a can or bottle of soda pop in your fridge. When someone in your family decides to drink it, share the verse and talk about why it's important to choose your friends carefully. But don't shake it up first!

**Ask God to help you choose friends that aren't easily angered.**



DAY 4

## Read Proverbs 18:24

Do you know what the word faithful means? Faithful means loyal, constant, and steady. A faithful friend is a friend who sticks by you, a friend who is there when things are awesome and when things are hard.

Do you have a faithful friend? A friend who cheers you up when you're sad? A friend who encourages you when you're down? A friend who makes you laugh when it's the very last thing you want to do?

When it comes to the friends we choose, let's look for friends who stick with us, no matter what. Let's choose friends who are always there, ready to help when we need it most. And remember, to have good friends, you need to be a good friend. Be a loyal and steady friend who can be counted on too.

**Interview a parent or another adult today and ask the following questions:**

1. Who is your best friend and why?
2. Read Proverbs 18:24 together. What do you think this verse means?
3. What does it mean to be a faithful friend?

Pray today with the person you interviewed and ask God to help you be a faithful friend and to choose faithful friends too.



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YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

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## Week One

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## Say This

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## Do This



## Morning Time

**W**rite the verse of the month in a spot where everyone will see it. Encourage your child to memorize the verse and live it out by being a helper to their friends.



**What if this year  
our kids knew they  
were good enough  
to be who they  
actually are, not  
some imagined or  
idealistic version  
of themselves?**

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