



# FRIENDSHIP

## *A guided discussion on the topic of friendship*

### OPENER

Who is one of your friends from church? Why do you like him or her?

*Prompts if no response: Give options of several friends they keep in touch with online or at church each week, or friends they have seen at camp or the Feast. Remind them of what they do together.*

### **Discussion Question 1:**

What are some qualities that make a good friend?

*Prompts if no response: Good friends are kind and honest, and they will help when you need them. They are easy to talk to, and they text, write, or call back. They are funny and make good choices, etc.*

### **Discussion Question 2:**

Why do you think the Bible instructs us to choose our friends wisely?

*Prompts if no response: Friends can influence us for good or for bad. The people we hang out with change how we behave, speak, and think, so friends can lead us into good or bad situations.*

### **Discussion Question 3:**

Jesus Christ called His disciples His friends. What made Jesus a good friend?

*Prompts if no response: Jesus Christ gave His life for His disciples, taught them things they didn't know, and spent a lot of time with them. He asked them for help, helped them and their families, prayed for them, and ate with them.*

### **Hypothetical 1:**

What would you think or say if you heard your friend say this: "If you were really my friend, you would \_\_\_\_\_ (do something harmful for or with this friend)."

*Prompts if no response: They could say, "I am your friend and care about you, so I don't want you to get hurt," or "friends help each other avoid wrong decisions, they don't help them hurt themselves."*





### *Hypothetical 2:*

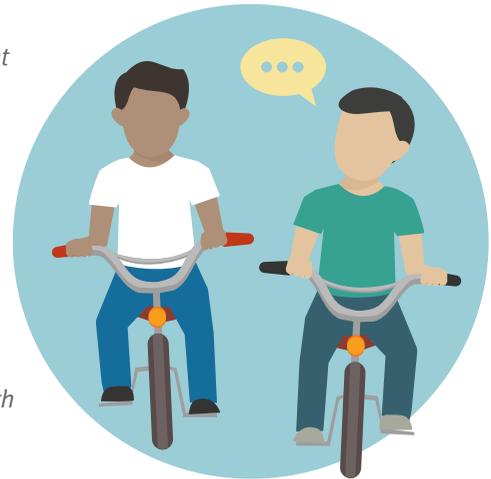
What would you say or do if a friend was always trying to persuade you that your belief in God was wrong?

*Prompts if no response: Say they are not acting like a real friend, find different friends, confront them.*

### **CLOSER**

What are some ways to be a better friend to others? How can you strengthen your friendships?

*Prompts if no response: Talk on the phone, text, or email regularly. Listen to them, and ask them questions about their lives rather than talking only about yourself. Help them with chores or responsibilities. Plan to do fun activities with them. Think of ways to serve others together.*



### **SCRIPTURES FOR MORE STUDY OR REFERENCE**

John 15:12-17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 12:26; Proverbs 18:24; Ecclesiastes 4:9; Proverbs 16:28; Proverbs 13:20