



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)

Bottom Line

Friends encourage one another.

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

Activity 1

Finder (game)

- No supplies needed

What You Do

First, you need to select someone in your family to be the "finder" and have them go into another room in the house so they do not know what will happen next. The rest of your family will pick an object (i.e., a book on a shelf) in the environment for the finder to find.

Ask the finder to come back and walk around the environment in search of the object.

Tell the group they cannot say anything, but they can give hints by using applause to lead the finder in the right direction. If the finder is far away from the object, the group should clap slowly and softly. When the finder gets closer and closer, the group should applaud faster and louder until the finder picks the correct object. "Great job using your imaginations and encouraging the 'finders' to locate the objects. Assign a new finder with each new round.

Activity 2

Cornhole Toss

What You Need

- "Memory Verse" cards. [Click here](#) to print cards
- Containers/cornhole boards
- Beanbags or small balls

Set the two containers/boards 15-20 feet apart. Place a set of memory verse cards (facedown) next to each container. Form two teams and ask each team to line up a good distance from each container. Tell everyone that each team will take turns throwing the beanbags, alternating with their opponent.

If the beanbag lands in the container successfully, the kid who threw it will pick up one card and place it face up on the floor. The kid will then go to the end of the line and while doing so, receive high-five encouragement from each team member. If the beanbag misses the hole, the kid will go to the end of the line without retrieving a card, but still receiving high-five encouragement from each team member. The first team to successfully collect all of the verse cards and put them in order wins. End by asking the winning team to cheer on the other team as they continue playing the game until they finish their verse.

Talk about the Bible Story

How was Elijah a good friend to Elisha? (*Elijah encouraged Elisha to follow God's plan for his life.*)

Have you ever had a friend encourage you? How did it feel?

Have you ever encouraged a friend? What did you say?

Is there anyone you can think of who might need encouraging? What could we do as a family to encourage them?



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."