

PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *I Will Be a Good Friend*

Bible Story: *David & Jonathan (1 Samuel 16:15-23; 18:1-4; 19:1-7)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to church. TELL them that we're going to have so much fun learning how to listen and be wise as we play school together!
2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today!* (SHOW **Bookworm Puppet**) *This is my bookworm friend. He loves books and loves new friends! When he comes to you, wiggle your finger like a worm and tell him your name.*
3. PASS the **Bookworm Puppet** to a child. ALLOW the child to wiggle his/her finger like a worm and say his/her name aloud.
4. After everyone has been introduced, SAY:
 - *Thank you for being such a good friend to our bookworm, and thanks for being such a good friend to everyone in our group by listening.*
 - *If you think you can keep being a good friend in our group, let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Will Be* (thumbs to chest)
 - A Good* (two thumbs up)
 - Friend* (give high-five)

Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *There's a story in the Bible about two friends named David and Jonathan. Let's read their story so we can know how to be good friends, too!*
2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.

Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *We're going to play a matching game to help us learn how we can be a good friend to others.*
2. PLACE **Memory Cards** in the center of the group, with bookworm facing up.
3. ALLOW each child to select two **Memory Cards** to flip over.
 - If the **Memory Cards** match, READ the corresponding statement from the **Friendship Guide**, and ALLOW kids to respond.
 - If the **Memory Cards** do not match, HAVE the child flip the **Cards** back over and move to the next child's turn.
4. CONTINUE playing until all **Memory Cards** have been matched or as time allows. Then, SAY:
 - *God gave you so many great friends, and He will help you be a good friend to them! Say this after me so that you can be wise and remember:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Will Be* (thumbs to chest)
 - A Good* (two thumbs up)
 - Friend* (give high-five)

Memorize It 4

1. SAY: *God has great things to tell you and me in the Bible. There's a verse in the Bible that tells us what wise boys and girls do. I want to teach you this verse!*
 2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times. Then, USE the **Memory Verse Card** to practice the verse as a group.
 - "Wise people* (thumbs to chest)
can listen (cup hand around ear)
and learn..." (point to head)
Proverbs 1:5 (make book with hands)
 3. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize in a few weeks.
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Let's Pray 5

PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Dear God, thank you for my friends. Please help me to be a good friend. Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*
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Stay Together 6

1. **SANITIZE** hands and PASS OUT **snacks**.
2. KEEP kids engaged until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - HAVE kids **color** the **Coloring Sheet**. As kids **color**, ASK the following:
 - *Do you have a friend you like to play with?*
 - *What is one way you can be a good friend? At home? At church? At school?*
 - *What did you learn today?* (REMIND kids of what we need to know.)
 - *Did you have fun today?*
 - TRY either of these activities to get your group up and moving to let the wiggles out:
 - **Counting Friends** — SAY/SING the following with the group, doing motions and/or acting out together:
 - *One, two, friends shake and move*
 - *Three, four, friends touch the floor*
 - *Five, six, friends jump and skip*
 - *Seven, eight, friends stand up straight*
 - *Nine, ten, friends sit down again*
 - **Friends Pop Up** — As kids are sitting in a circle, HAVE them pop up and sit back down if you call out something that they are wearing. CALL out any of the following: colors of clothing or accessories, accessories, types of shoes, hair bows, glasses, hats, etc.
 - HAVE kids practice the memory verse again by doing any of the activities listed on the back of the **Memory Verse Card**.