

# DEVOTIONAL

## for parents



Think about your favorite adventure stories where friends go on epic journeys, face challenges, and stick together through it all. Those stories make you wonder: Do I have friends like that? Am I that kind of friend? We all want solid friendships with people who stick with us no matter what life brings, and the Bible gives us wisdom about how to build those relationships. In this 4-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll explore what God has to say about how we can have—and *be*—good friends. We'll see how **every friend will influence you, how wise friends will help guide you, that good friends are worth fighting for,**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1

### Every friend will influence you.

Proverbs 12:26; Acts 18:1–4, 18–28; Hebrews 13:1

#### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

#### PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you build friendships that encourage and strengthen your faith.

#### GROW

So what's your next step? How can you seek out friendships that encourage faith, wisdom, and kindness? How can you be a positive influence on your friends? Who might need your encouragement or support this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2

### Wise friends will help guide you.

Proverbs 13:20; I Kings 3:3–14; Psalm 1:1–3

#### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

#### PRAY

Pray for discernment to recognize friends who lead you toward wisdom and kindness.

#### GROW

So what's your next step? Who are the voices influencing you the most right now—are they leading you closer to wisdom? Is there someone you can reach out to for guidance or accountability? How can you be a wise and uplifting friend to others? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 3

**Good friends are worth fighting for.**

Proverbs 27:17; Acts 15:36–41; Psalm 51:10



### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**



### PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you be a faithful and loving friend.



### GROW

So what's your next step? How can you be a better friend this week? Are there friendships in your life that need more care and attention? Have any relationships been strained that might need healing? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 4

**You'll always have a friend in Jesus.**

Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13–16, 18:2–27; Psalm 113:4–8



### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**



### PRAY

Pray and thank Jesus for being a constant and faithful friend.



### GROW

So what's your next step? How can you lean into your friendship with Jesus through prayer, worship, or Scripture? In what ways can you model Jesus' love by being a true friend to someone else? Is there someone in your life who needs to hear that they are never alone? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.