

FRIENDS

Mavuno Kids Teaching Guide

Bible Passage: John 11:25-26a

Theme: Jesus is a friend in time of need

19th June 2016



Memory VERSE:

Proverbs 17:17 – A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for hard times.

JUNE CURRICULUM WEEK 3

0-5YR OLD.

That's What Friends Are For

Scripture: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26a

STORY: Have you ever seen the movie "Jungle Book?" It tells the story of a boy, Mowgli, who lives in the jungle among the animals. He is trying to make his way back to the human village and along the way he meets many very interesting characters. There's mad King Louie of the Apes and a lovable, happy-go-lucky bear named Baloo. He even meets a group of vultures who pledge their friendship in a song called "That's What Friends Are For." The words of the song go like this:

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When you're alone
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To pluck you up
When you are down
And when you're outside, looking in
Who's there to open the door?
That's what friends are for!

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Do you have a friend who is always there for you? One who cheers you up when you're feeling sad. One who stands by you no matter what. We could all use a friend like that, couldn't we? Our Bible lesson today tells a story about that kind of friend.

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QUESTIONS:

- Isn't that a nice story?
- Wow! How would you like to have a friend like that?
- How many of you are friends of Jesus?

Lesson:

Jesus loves you just as he loved Lazarus and he wants to be your friend. He'll pick you up when you are down. He'll be with you to the bitter end. After all, that's what friends are for.

Will you be a good friend to someone this week?

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8-9 YR OLDS:

Story: Loyalty (keeping your word)

“Cathy, are you okay? You don’t look happy today what happened?” asked one of her friends. “Nothing happened, I am fine.” Cathy answered. “Are you coming with us to the pool?” asked Lillian. “Yes I’m coming, let me change first.” As the others left, Steph remained behind and asked again, “What is wrong?” “My mum grounded me yesterday and took away my pocket money. I was rude to her and now I have to spend the weekend at home,” said Cathy in a whisper. “Why did you not tell the others?” Steph asked. “They are not real friends. They would have told other people even if they said they would not!” “I promise not to tell anyone!” Steph said in a determined voice!

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

Have you ever offered to help your friend who was in need? Do you know why God wants us to be kind and considerate of others? It is because He wants us to be a good friend. Here is the story of someone else in the bible who was a good friend

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10-13yrs- Dealing with Rejection

Steph walked into the house with tears in her eyes. She saw her mum and ran to her room. Ryan just watched not sure what to do. "Do you know what that was all about?" his mum asked. Ryan just shook his head. His mum then walked to Steph's room.

"Steph, what happened?" she asked as she sat on the bed. Steph looked up at her mum and said, "They don't like me. They said they did not want me in the team. I wanted to be their friend but they said I did not fit in with them. I did not dress like them or act like they did."

"I am sorry honey; I know it hurts right now. Believe it or not even I have felt like you did." Her mum said as she held Steph. "It will get better and this pain will go away but remember this just because someone did not like you today does not mean others will not like you. You don't have to change who you are to be someone's friend. The real ones, the good ones will be your friend for who you are."

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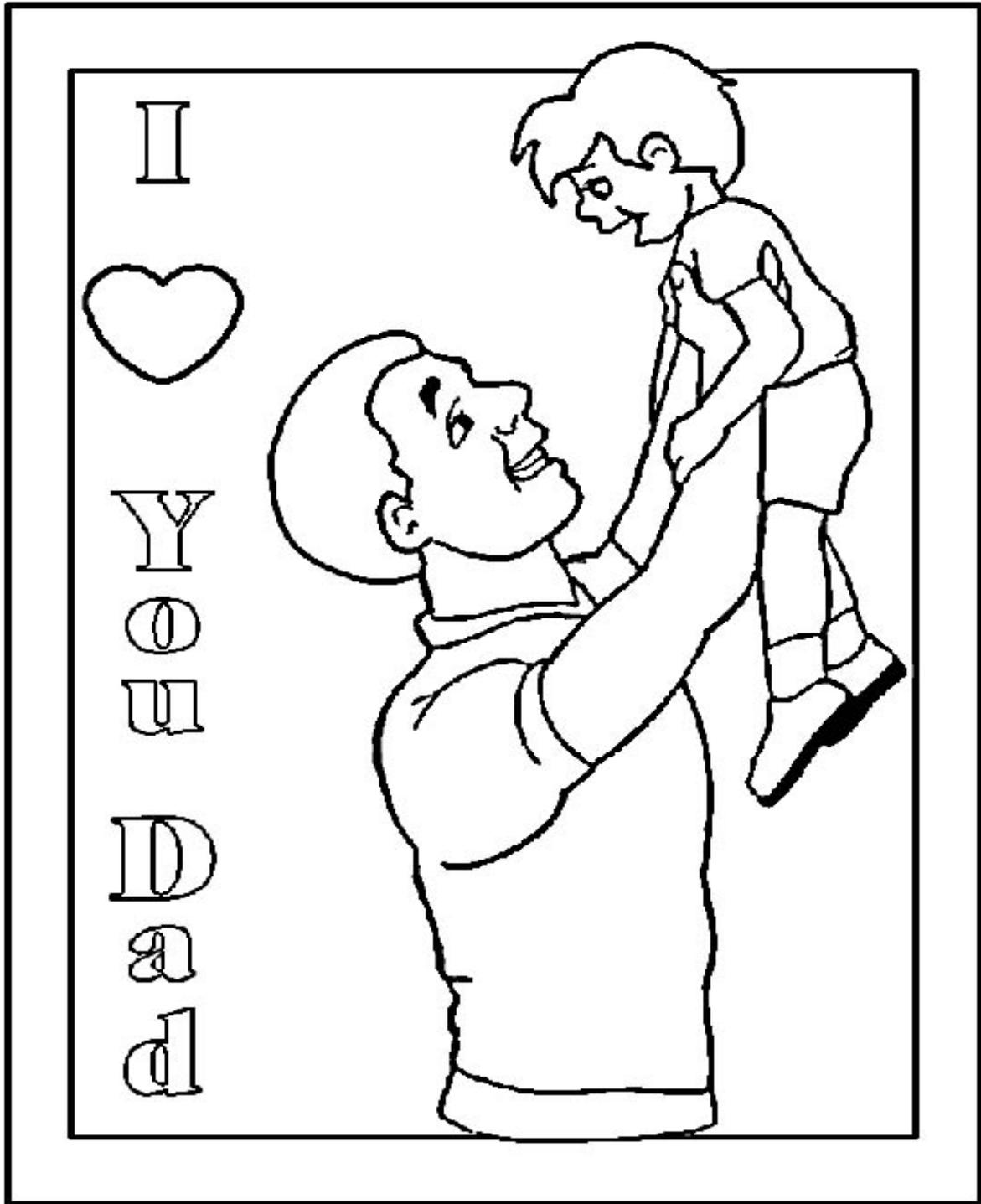
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Name: _____ 0-5 Years

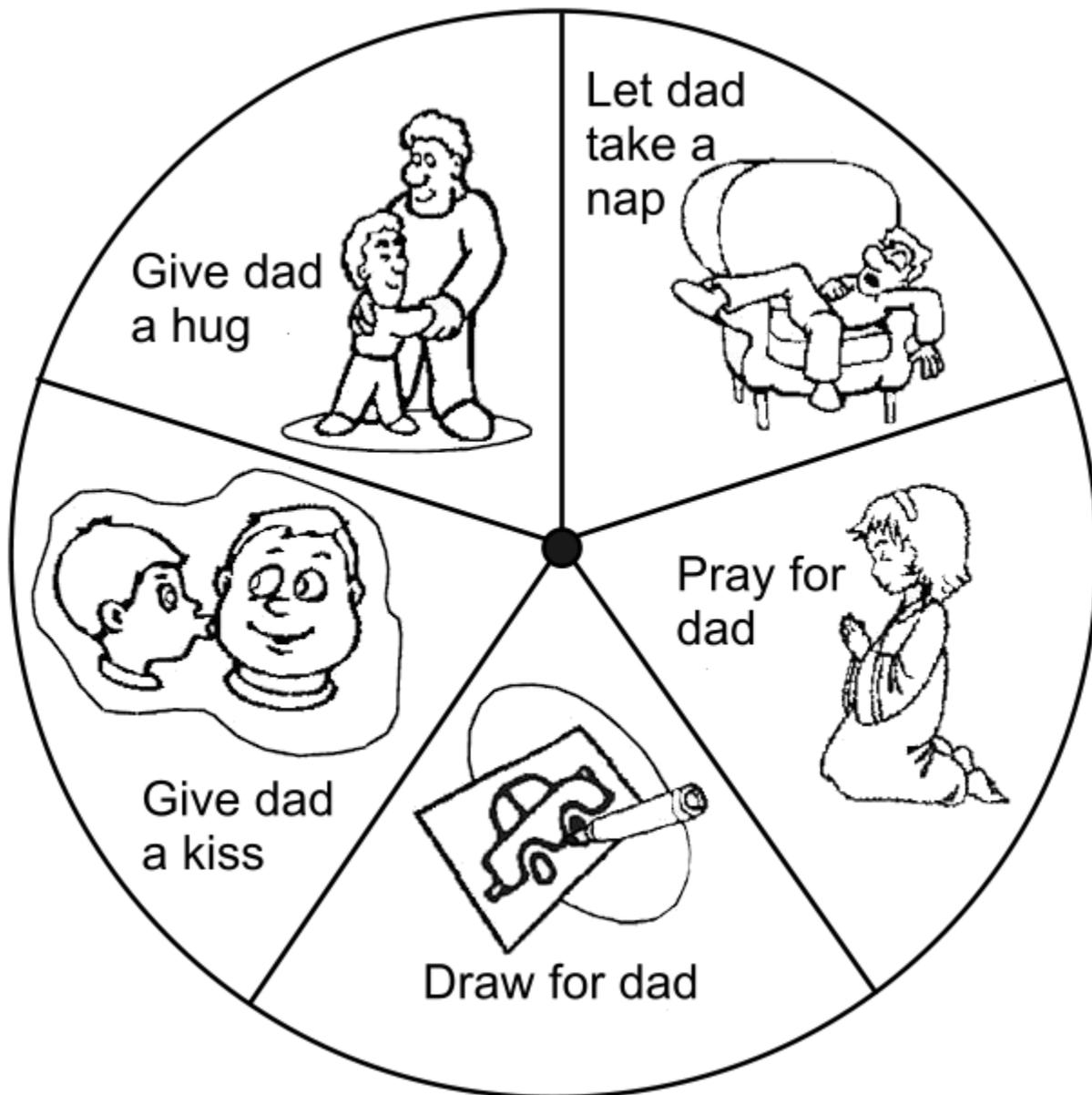
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June week Three 8-9 Years

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With the help of the teacher, draw out a ball and color it and make a card for your father. Inside the card, each child should write out what they know or love about their dads.

L A Z A R U S E S L E E P M P
Q E N T R A N C E B D F L Y U
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X Y K S C Q E S F O E D Z N R
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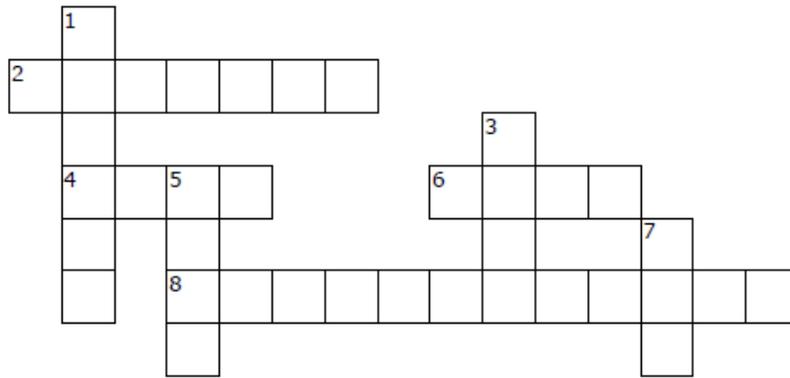
MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

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Let each child draw out something they would like to give as gifts to their dad and below it explain why.



ACROSS

- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

TOMB	MARTHA	DIE	MARY
LIVE	RESURRECTION	LAZARUS	SICK

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