

True Friends

The people we choose to surround ourselves with can drastically affect our lives. Through this series, the children will look at several friendships in the Bible and will learn what the Bible has to say about friendships. They will learn what it means to have "true" friendships. Most importantly, they will be able to see how Jesus showed us what love really looks like by laying His life down for us so that we can have a true friendship and relationship with God.

Theme Verse: John 15:13, " Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Lesson	Power Phrase	Bible Story	Scripture	Memory Verse
1	I can have a relationship with God!	Jesus and the Children	Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 10:13-16	John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."
2	Jesus shows me how to be a true friend!	Jesus Calls His First Disciples	Matthew 4:12-20; Luke 5:1-11	John 15:12, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
3	I should choose my friends carefully!	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 19-20	Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."
4	True friends help each other to do right!	Daniel and His Friends	Daniel 1	1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."
5	True friends love at all times!	Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1	Proverbs 17:17a, "A friend loves at all times."
6	True friends are loyal to each other!	Elijah and Elisha	1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-14	Proverbs 18:24b, "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."
7	True friends honor each other!	Abram and Lot	Genesis 13	Romans 12:10, "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."
8	I can help my friends in hard times!	Jesus Resurrects Lazarus	John 11:1-44	1 Corinthians 13:4a, "Love is patient and kind."
9	A true friend tells the truth!	David and Nathan	2 Samuel 7	Ephesians 4:25b, "Let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor."
10	A true friend is trustworthy!	Samson and Delilah	Judges 16	Proverbs 28:26, "Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered."