

SMALL GROUP | DAY 2

WHAT MAKES ME A GREAT FRIEND?



Bible

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

All Small Group Supplies

- Red plastic cups w/ tissue paper (1 per camper)
- Slips of paper with qualities of friends
- Colouring pages for discussion
- Bible
- Markers and pencils
- Take action prints (1 per camper)

Additional

Parlando & Bombershay Supplies

- Verses printed on laminated papers (3 of each per crew)
- Whiteboard markers

Activity - What Makes a Good Friend Quiz | Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

I know it's summertime, but I have a quiz for you.
Everyone, get your thumbs ready.

Show me a thumbs up if what I say describes a great friend. If what I say does not describe a great friend, put your thumbs down! Got it?

- A great friend tells you when you spilled pudding all over your shirt.
- A great friend whispers your secrets to others.
- A great friend smiles to say, Hello!
- A great friend laughs when you trip on the stairs.
- A great friend helps you up when you trip on the stairs.
- A great friend encourages you.
- A great friend leaves you alone at lunch.
- A great friend prays for you when you are sick.

Way to go, Campers! You passed the quiz. You know what makes a great friend. During the Opening Session, our question was "What makes me a great friend?"

I'd love to hear your answers.

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I am created to belong and help others feel the same.

Activity - Friendship Colouring Pages

Hand out one colouring page to each camper and encourage them to colour while working through the Bible Story and reflection questions.

Digging Deeper - Bible Story Connection

Remember, belonging with great friends means being a great friend and choosing good friends.

The Bible says, “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

This makes me think of the friends in our Bible Story today who helped each other.

- Do you have friends who help you get back up when you fall down?
- Do you have great friends who cheer you up when you are sad?
- What are some things your friends have done that make them great friends to have?

Real Talk

- What can you do for your friends that is kind?
- What can you say that is kind and encouraging?
- How can you be understanding?
- Do you have to agree about everything? Or can you like different things, want to eat or watch different things, and still be friends?
- If someone says mean, unkind words, how can you respond?
- What are some ways you can help each other?

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Activity: Mystery Cups

Inside plastic cups, there will be a piece of paper that reads: kind, funny, happy, shares, says nice words, gentle, patient, helpful... Make sure there is a cup for each Camper to pick up and read the paper inside. The cover of the cup will be covered with tissue paper and rubber band.

Campers take turns punching their hand through the tissue paper and pulling out the slip of paper. Crew Leader can help read the words - all of them describe a good friend!

As time allows, Olio can pick partners and work together to build the tallest cup tower.

Additional Parlando and Bombershay Game - A Good Friend Search

Split your Crew into pairs. The following two verses are printed on laminated pieces of paper. Read the verse together and circle the words that describe what makes a good friend.

I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble. Don't pay back evil with evil. Don't pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay back evil with kind words. This is what you have been chosen to do. You will receive a blessing by doing this.
Peter 3:8-9 NIRV

Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope.
Hebrews 10:24-25 NIRV

Once done, compare answers.

- What did you circle in the first verse, I Peter 3:8-9?
- What did you circle in the second verse, Hebrews 10:24-25?

Invite Campers to read the verses aloud for everyone to hear.

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TODAY'S TAKE ACTION

It's Take Action time! Inside your Playbill, your Take Action for today is to write or draw three things that you like doing with your good friends.

Bring it back tomorrow to celebrate!

Remember, with the Take Action Wristband, you can watch a special message for today!

Who's ready to "Take Action"?

Prayer

Dear God,

Sometimes making new friends isn't easy. Thank You for the friendships we are already making at VISTO.

Thank you for giving us courage to make new friends and to be good friends. Help us to be kind, encouraging, helpful, and thoughtful to our friends.

Help us consider who you want us to spend time with and who loves us just as we are as we go about our days!

Amen