

Kids' Connect Weekly

Wednesday, September 9

Choose Friends Carefully

We need to love everyone because God loves us! But, we also need to be picky about who we choose as our best friends. The people we have closest to us need to lead us closer to Jesus and we need to do the same for them!

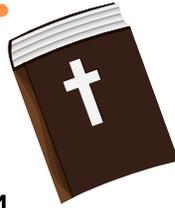
Get in the Word...



- 1 Corinthians 15:33

- Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

- Colossians 3:12-14



Main Verse:

"The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray."

Proverbs 12:26 NLT

Review Questions:

1. Think about the Bible story (Luke 6:43-45). How are people like fruit trees?
(The fruit on a tree shows what kind of tree it is, like a person's choices and actions show what kind of friend they'll be.)
2. What do you think is good about choosing a best friend who loves God?
(Answers will vary.)
3. What do you think happens when you spend lots of time with friends who make wrong choices?
(Answers will vary.)
4. Which "good fruits" do you look for in a friend?
(Answers will vary.)
5. Share some things you love about your best friend!
(Answers will vary.)

Activity:

"Good or Bad Fruit"

Need: List of "good" and "bad" fruit (on following page).

One person will be the reader with the list of good and bad fruit while all other participants stand in a line side by side 5-10 feet away from the reader. The reader tells everyone else that they will be saying a good or a bad fruit. When a fruit is read that they think would make the reader a good friend, everyone takes a step forward. If a bad fruit is read, they take two steps back. Make sure you read enough good fruit so that everyone can reach you!

After, you can have the kids be the reader and they can even make up their own good and bad fruit!

Pray as a family!



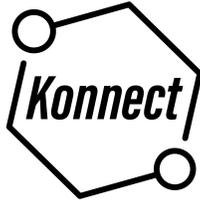
Not sure what to pray? Pray this: "God, thank You for helping us be godly best friends and helping us choose godly best friends. In Jesus' name, amen!"

Extra ...

"Friendship Flower"



Materials needed: paper (regular, construction, coloured), markers, scissors, tape or glue.
Start by making a flower using your paper! You can draw the pistil (middle of the flower) and the stem onto a sheet of paper. Then cut out the petals from your coloured or construction paper and tape/glue them onto your flower.
Make your flower as colourful as you want!
In the middle of the flower, write the name of your best friend or a good friend. Then, on each petal, write one of their "good fruits" (something that makes them a good friend)! You can give your friend their flower and tell them why they're such a good friend to you!



GOOD FRUIT/BAD FRUIT ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT BE A FRIEND // WEEK 2

Read “fruits” in any order.

Kids take **one step toward you** when you read a **good fruit**.

Kids take **two steps away from you** when you read a **bad fruit**.

Good Fruit

Sharing with others
Waiting patiently
Saying kind words
Staying calm when they're upset
Staying loyal
Helping with chores
Being kind to animals
Working hard at school
Being kind to babies
Listening to others
Learning Bible verses
Inviting friends to church
Being friendly
Inviting people to play with them
Helping people
Teaching others what they've learned
Saying, “Thank you!”
Cheering someone up
Singing to God at church
Listening to leaders
Doing what God says

Bad Fruit

Being selfish
Laughing at people
Throwing a tantrum
Saying rude words
Rolling their eyes at someone
Taking something without permission
Pushing and shoving
Leaving friends behind
Not being kind to animals
Telling a crying baby to quit their yapping
Tripping someone on purpose
Interrupting others
Keeping all of their money for themselves
Never reading the Bible
Leaving people out
Not helping anybody
Laughing at others when things go wrong
Yelling at parents
Complaining
Disobeying leaders
Insulting others