

FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

11TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Help your student reflect on the role relationships play in their life—encouraging them to seek friendships that build their faith and honor God in how they love and lead others.

WHAT TO KNOW

By 11th grade, friendships and relationships carry greater weight. Your student is likely navigating deeper emotional connections, greater peer influence, and possibly romantic relationships. These relationships are shaping their identity, their values, and even their direction. Now is the time to guide them in what it looks like to love others well, set healthy boundaries, and build friendships that reflect God's character.

Your student may not always be open about every relationship, but your voice still matters. Share your own experiences and invite open conversation. Emphasize that strong, godly relationships don't happen by accident—they grow through trust, honesty, accountability, and shared purpose.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV
The people we surround ourselves with shape our thinking, choices, and direction.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17 NIV
True friendship shows up with loyalty and love—even in hard seasons.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18 NIV
Love isn't just a feeling—it's expressed through honesty, respect, and sacrifice.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23 NIV
Be intentional about what and who you let shape your thoughts, values, and decisions.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What makes a friendship or dating relationship healthy or unhealthy?
- How do your closest relationships impact your decisions or faith?
- What does it look like to honor God in the way you treat others?
- What kind of boundaries help protect your heart and values?
- Who do you trust to give you wise advice about relationships?

LIVE IT OUT

Help your student take inventory of the relationships in their life. Are their closest friends building them up? Are they honoring God in how they treat others? Invite them to reflect on how their relationships affect their thoughts, choices, and faith. Encourage them to be the kind of friend they want to have—honest, supportive, and Christlike.

Talk through how to handle conflict with grace, how to walk away from relationships that are harmful, and how to set boundaries that protect their heart. If your student is dating or thinking about it, help them define what a healthy dating relationship looks like. The goal isn't perfection—it's growing in emotional maturity, wisdom, and love that honors God.

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask God to shape your student's relationships and give them the wisdom to pursue connection with people who reflect His love.

"God, thank You for the people You've placed in my student's life. Help them build strong, healthy relationships that point them to You. Give them discernment in friendships and dating, and help them treat others with grace, kindness, and integrity. Show them how to love like You love. Amen."

