

# FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

## 12TH GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Help your student reflect on the influence of friendships and equip them to choose relationships that are healthy, God-honoring, and rooted in biblical wisdom as they step into adulthood.

### WHAT TO KNOW

The friendships your student chooses will shape their future. Proverbs 13:20 says, He who walks with the wise will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. As they prepare for life beyond high school, they are likely forming new relationships and redefining existing ones. This is the perfect time to help them think critically about who they surround themselves with—and why it matters.

Friendships can be a source of strength, encouragement, and growth—or they can pull your student away from God’s best. Scripture speaks clearly about the value of godly relationships, and this season is a key opportunity to lean into those truths together.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

*Bad company corrupts good character.* 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV  
Who we spend time with shapes our values and direction.

*Two are better than one ... if either of them falls, one can help the other up.* Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 NIV  
Godly friendships are a source of strength and support.

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds ... encouraging one another.* Hebrews 10:24–25 NIV  
Healthy relationships help us grow in love, faith, and purpose.

*A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.* Proverbs 18:24 NIV  
Quality matters more than quantity—seek faithful, Christ-centered friends.

*Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2 NIV  
Friendship rooted in Christ means walking with others through both joy and struggle.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- How are you choosing your friends right now?
- What do you think it means to be a “good friend”?
- Do your friendships bring you closer to who God wants you to be?
- How do your friends treat others? Respect their parents? Speak about people?

Rather than criticizing, ask questions that help your student reflect. Encourage honest dialogue, and remind them that God cares deeply about their relationships and desires to bring the right people into their life. Pray with them about current friendships and future ones—including a future spouse.

## LIVE IT OUT

Encourage your student to be intentional about the people they surround themselves with. Talk about what it means to be “equally yoked” in friendships and dating—choosing relationships with others who follow Jesus. Remind them that iron sharpens iron, and godly friends will help them grow in wisdom and strength.

Spend time evaluating current relationships together. You might say something like: Let’s take a look at the people in your life. Who brings out the best in you? Who challenges you to grow? Then ask God together for discernment, direction, and the courage to form relationships that reflect His love.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Make it a regular practice to pray about the relationships in your student’s life. Invite God to be at the center of their connections and to lead them toward healthy, Christ-centered friendships.

"God, thank You for the gift of friendship. Help my student see clearly which relationships bring life and which ones lead them away from You. Surround them with people who are wise, loving, and faithful. Give them the courage to choose friends who will build them up and encourage them to follow You with confidence. Amen."

