

FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

Kindergarten

OBJECTIVE

Help your child understand what it means to be a good friend and how God helps us love others with kindness and care.

WHAT TO KNOW

Kindergarteners are just beginning to explore the meaning of friendship. They're learning how to take turns, share their favorite things, use kind words, and work through misunderstandings. Most of their friendships happen through proximity—classmates, neighbors, or kids at church. They are watching and absorbing everything you model, including how you speak to others, how you handle frustration, and how you show kindness.

This is a key season to help them build strong friendship habits rooted in God's love. You can talk about things like including others, saying sorry, or choosing friends who make kind choices too. Remember, you are still your kid's biggest influence. The way you treat others sets the example they'll follow.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

A friend loves at all times Proverbs 17:17 NIV

Real friends love and care for each other no matter what.

Be kind and loving to each other Ephesians 4:32 ICB

God wants us to treat our friends with kindness, patience, and love.

Two people are better than one. If one falls down, the other can help him up Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

Friends help each other when life gets hard and remind us we don't have to do it alone.

God cares a lot about how we treat others. He wants us to be the kind of friend who shares, listens, forgives, and helps. These verses remind us that real friendship isn't just about having fun—it's about showing love the way Jesus does, even when it's not easy. When your kid learns to be a good friend now, they're building habits that will bless them for years to come.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- Who do you like to play with at school or church?
- What do you like about them?
- What does it mean to be a good friend?
- How do you feel when someone is not kind?
- What kind of friend do you think God wants you to be?
- Is it always easy to be kind? What could you do when it's hard?

LIVE IT OUT

Plan a simple “Friendship Playdate” with your kid. Go for ice cream, have a park picnic, build a fort, or bake something together. Use the time to talk about what it means to be a good friend and how Jesus wants us to treat others. You could even help your kid invite a friend who is known for being kind, patient, or helpful.

During or after the time together, ask what your child enjoyed most about their time with their friend. Talk about whether they shared, took turns, or used kind words, and how it felt to show love to someone else.

You can also encourage your child to draw a picture or make a card for a friend, showing them love in a simple way. Help them see that friendships don't have to be perfect—but they can always reflect God's love through care, forgiveness, and kindness.

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask God to help your child learn what it means to love others like Jesus and to grow strong friendships rooted in kindness and care.

“Dear God, thank You for giving me friends. Help me be kind, share, and love others like You love me. Please help me choose friends who are kind too. Amen.”

