

# CONNECTIONS

LIVING OUT THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!

I need different kinds of friends in my life for different reasons.



This month, you're going to be given questions about friendship to ask your parents or guardians. You can learn from them!

This week, ask a parent or guardian: "What was an important friendship you had when you were a kid? What was so important about it?"



Ask God to help you think of one good friend who you want to grow your friendship with in 2024. Write his or her name here:

Also, ask God to help you think of one person who is not a good friend for you. Write his or her name here:



Many people in our world are lonely for a friend.

With your parents' help, find a care home or retirement community in your area.

Create a card to encourage the people living there and to tell them about Jesus' love for them. Then send your card to them.

MEMORIZE THIS

**Proverbs 18:24**

A man of many companions may come to ruin,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.



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Knowing somebody is part of being a friend. Letting somebody know you is part of being a friend, too.



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This week, ask a parent or guardian: "When you were a kid, did you ever pretend to be something you weren't in order to have friends? Why or why not?"



What are three things about yourself that your friends don't know about you? (BONUS POINTS if one of the things has to do with Jesus.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Let your friends get to know you better this week.



Many people are lonely for a friend.

With your parents' help, find a receiving home for children in your area.

Create a card to encourage the kids staying there and to tell them about Jesus' love for them. Then send your card to them.

MEMORIZE THIS

**John 10:14**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.



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Even when we are unfaithful to our best friend Jesus,  
he is a faithful friend to us. Always.



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This week, ask a parent or guardian: "Did you ever feel betrayed by a friend when you were a kid? What was that like? What did you do about it?"



This week, take some time to work on your most important friendship; the one you have with Jesus. Think of one way you can grow your friendship with Jesus this week. Write that idea down here:

**Now, do it!**



Many people are lonely for a friend.

With your parents' help, find a missionary that you can write to.

Create a card to encourage the missionary and/or the missionary's family. Remind them of Jesus' love. Pray for them. Then send your card to them.

**MEMORIZE THIS**

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.



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In our search for a good friend, we know that Emmanuel is the best friend we can ever have, and he's here with us right now!



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This week, ask a parent or guardian: "Did you ever feel lonely for a friend when you were a kid? If so, what did you do about that?"



Each day this week, spend at least 3 minutes talking with Jesus, our best friend. Then fill in one of the blanks below each day.

**My best friend, Jesus, is...**

**Sunday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Monday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tuesday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wednesday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Thursday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Friday:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Saturday:** \_\_\_\_\_



Many people are lonely for a friend.

Who can you think of that might be lonely that you could write a note to?

Create and send a card to encourage this person and to tell them about Jesus' love for them.

MEMORIZE THIS

**John 15:13**

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

