



A 4-WEEK SERIES FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT ON

# GODLY FRIENDSHIPS

A **COMMUNITY SERIES** FROM GROW'S ANNUAL **TEACHING STRATEGY**

CREATED WITH . . .  
**CARLY BARTLETT, APRIL WAHL, ARHEN MARTINEZ, JAKE SCHNEIDERHAN & SANTINA CAMBOR**

All aspects of Grow Curriculum and Strategy (including all logos, images, videos, language, and related products and resources) are owned by Stuff You Can Use. Stuff You Can Use gives permission to the organization that purchased this product to download, print, electronically send, and use its components for its organization's use only. No part of Grow Curriculum and Strategy may be copied, shared, resold, or republished outside of that organization in any way, except in the case of brief quotations or product reviews that credit and link back to Grow Curriculum and Strategy ([growcurriculum.org](http://growcurriculum.org)). Reproducing any of this material or incorporating it into a new work that does not follow these guidelines (including a blog post, podcast, video, article, book, or other resource) is a violation of U.S. copyright laws.

## ABOUT THIS SERIES

Game shows can reveal the real strength behind friendships. Whether we're asking for help, solving puzzles, or overcoming challenges, quality friendships can help us move on to the next round of competition. So, what does it look like to develop game-winning friendships? In this 4-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll explore how godly friendships can make a difference when we're in the hot seat. We'll see how **God's words can help our friendships grow**, how our **friends can help our faith grow**, the ways **God can help us choose our friends wisely**, and how **God can help repair broken friendships**.

### WEEK 1

This week, we'll see how Ruth and Naomi helped each other by focusing their relationship on their trust in God.

- **BIG IDEA:** God's words can help your friendships grow.
- **BIBLE:** Ruth 1:6–18; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; 1 Kings 19:11–12

### WEEK 2

This week, we'll hear from Paul about some qualities we can look for—and develop for ourselves—when looking for quality friendships.

- **BIG IDEA:** Your friends can help your faith grow.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 5:1–11; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 18:24

### WEEK 3

This week, we'll hear from Jesus about how we can gain the wisdom to know which friendships to invest in.

- **BIG IDEA:** God can help us choose our friends wisely.
- **BIBLE:** Romans 12:9–12; Psalm 146:6–10; Proverbs 4:23

### WEEK 4

This week, we'll hear from Jesus about how we can love and care for others even if we're facing conflict at the moment.

- **BIG IDEA:** God can help repair broken friendships.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 6:32–36; Gen 33:1–11; James 4:1

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."  
— 1 Peter 4:8