

# DEVOTIONAL

## for parents



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**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1

### God's words can help your friendships grow.

Ruth 1:1–18; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; 1 Kings 19:11–12

#### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

#### **PRAY**

This week, use your prayer time to listen for God's words.

#### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** How can you take steps to invest in knowing God's words? Who could help you strengthen your habits? Can you challenge yourself to read something new this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2

### Your friends can help your faith grow.

Luke 5:1–11; Proverbs 13:20; Psalm 145:8–9

#### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

#### **PRAY**

This week, ask God to help you cultivate godly friendships.

#### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Can you share something you're learning with someone close to you? Is there a conflict you need to respond to with love? Are there people who are challenging you so you can grow? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 3 God can help us choose our friends wisely.

Romans 12:9–12; Psalm 1:1–6; Proverbs 4:23

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

This week, thank God for leading you to wise friends.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Could you thank someone for sharing their wisdom with you? Do you need help creating new boundaries in your friendships? Can you bring godly characteristics into your friendships? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 4 God can help repair broken friendships.

Luke 6:32-36; Gen 33:1-11; James 4:1

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

This week, ask God for help with a broken (or breaking) friendship.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Are there any relationships that seem to hurt right now? Do you need to own your part in a broken relationship? What could you release and trust God with? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.