

3 Year Old—Rainbow

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Bible Story: David & Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 1 Samuel 20

Main Point: I will be a good friend

Faith Word: Care

Bible Words: "A friend loves at all time"
Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A Good Friend Sticks With You No Matter What

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Welcome activities
- Ball
- Bible
- Magnet wands
- Hot wheel car
- Magnet bottles
- People die cuts
- Crayons
- Clear tape
- Potato friend ears
- Glue

Welcome...the children and invite them to the tables to do the welcome activity.

When they are done they can go to the exploration centers located throughout the room. (See "Exploration Ideas" in your resource packet)

Friendship Circle

Put out the carpet circles and have the children join you on the floor for friendship circle.

Supplies—Ball

SAY Hello friends, my name is _____, and I am so excited to spend the week together at Vacation Bible Camp learning about being a good friend. Let's start by getting to know our VBC friends. We are going to sing a song and when I call your name I want you to stand up.

(To the Tune of Ten Little Indians)

**"I know a girl/boy whose name is _____
Stand up _____, Sit down _____
Because Jesus loves you!"**

ASK What was your favorite part about Bible Camp yesterday?
What was our Bible story was about ?
Did you make a new friend yesterday? Who was it?

SAY Today we are going to learn more about how to be a good friend like Jesus. So let's start by getting to know more about our green rainbow friends.

DO Roll the ball to a friend and then have them answer one of the following questions.

- Name of a friend
- Favorite thing about Bible Camp
- Favorite color
- Favorite thing to do with a friend

SAY This week we are on a special mission to be good friends just like Jesus was. We are friends when we use our words and actions to show others we care. If you think you can do this wave your hands in the air. *(wave hands)*.

End in Prayer Ask if any of the children would like to say a prayer, if not lead them in this prayer and have them repeat after you.

Show me Jesus, how to spend this day
Sharing your love, in every way
Help me be kind, to everyone
To play and laugh, and have lots of fun! Amen

Exploration Time

Gather the children and one leader should put on the lab coat and turn into Professor Frenda.

Supplies — Bible, magnet wand, hot wheel car, 3 other magnet experiments

SAY Hello boys and girls, my name is Professor Frenda and I am back to teach you another very important lesson from the Bible. So let's start exploring. Today I have with me a car and I have my friendship wand. Look what happens when I wave my friendship wand in front of the car. *(place the car on the table and wave the magnet wand in front of the car making it move towards you.)* *Wow, isn't that amazing! That reminds me of the lesson we are learning today that God wants us to stick by our friends even on the hard days. Let's see what else our friendship wand can stick to.*

DO Have the children divide up into groups with one leader with each group of children. There will be a different magnet experiment at station. Let the children take turns doing the experiment for a couple of minutes and then rotate to the next experiment. Continue until each child has had a turn at each of the stations.

SAY *Wow, that was amazing! Jesus taught us to stick by our friends no matter what. On happy days, on sad days, when things are hard and when things are easy. Alright who is ready to join the friendship train—when I tap your shoulder come and join our friendship train.*

DO Sing the following song as you tap children on the shoulder and have them join your friendship train. Have them follow you around the room and end up in a circle where there is some space.

(sing to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Will you be a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine
Will you be a friend of mine, then come and join our train.

SAY *Who is ready to be good friends this week? (me) Everyone grab the friends next to you hands. And let's say our friendship cheer*

DO Say the following friendship cheer and have the children repeat each line.

Friends care *(cross hands over heart)*
Friends share *(reach hands out with palms facing up)*
We need friends *(put hands down to sides)*
Everywhere! *(jump up in air with arms raised)*

DO Line up at the door and move to Bible story time located in the hallway between B131 and B132. A leader will be there to greet you and will tell the children the Bible Story.

Praise & Worship Time

Small Group Exploration

Creation Center—Friendship Chain

Supplies — people die cut, crayons, tape

SAY Jesus wants us to be a good friend and stick with them no matter what.

DO Give each child a people die cut and have them decorate like themselves. Tape the people die cuts together to make a big friendship chain. Be sure that each leader makes a die cut of themselves too.

TALK ABOUT... Who are some of your friends? How can you be a good friend? What is something nice that you can do for your friends?

Game Center — Friendship Fun

Supplies—Potato friend ears, glue

SAY Jesus wants us to be good friends and stick together no matter what. Let's play a game where we have to stick together with our friend. Let's start by finding a friend to hold hands with.

DO Match each child up with a friend. Give different actions for the friends to do, while sticking together and holding hands.

- jump 3 times
- Touch elbows
- Find something red and point to it
- Give a high five
- Hold hands and tip toe until I say stop
- Stand back to back
- Now touch your toes
- Join hands with two more friends
- Join hands with all of our friends
- Everyone jump up and down 2 times
- Say, "Jesus is my friend!"

SAY Great job sticking with your friend and listening! Let's add ears to our Potato friends to remind us that a friend listens and cares about his friends no matter what

DO Have each child pick out a set of ears to add to the Potato friends and help them glue them onto their Potato friend.

IF TIME... Let's show our Potato Friends that we can be good listeners. Have each child pick a book to read to their Potato Friend.

