

3rd Grade
Tuesday



A Good Friend is Loyal

Bible Story: David & Jonathan
1 Samuel 18:1-4, 1 Samuel 20

Memory Verse:
A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.

Proverbs 17:17

12:30 - 1:10

Welcome and Opening

1:15 - 2:00

Drama/Missions/Music
Sanctuary

2:05 - 2:15

Story Telling Large Group

2:15-2:45

Groups 1-16 Small Group
Groups 17-32 Pizza Planet!

2:45-3:15

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Groups 17- 32 Small Group

3:15-3:30

Closing

Provided Materials for Small Groups:

- Bibles
- Paper
- Pens/pencils
- Markers
- Journals
- Pipe cleaners
- Playdough
- Google eyes
- Paper
- Gum
- Index card with verse
- 3 dice
- Posterboard strips
- Crackers
- Glue
- Honey
- Wet wipes

SMALL GROUP TIME!

Getting Started

Supplies Needed: Pipe Cleaners, Mini-containers of Play Dough, Googly Eyes, Paper, Markers, Gum

Say: We are talking about loyalty today and when we think about loyalty one of the first things that comes to mind are dogs. Dogs are super loyal they stick with their owners!

Instructions:

- Hand out a piece of gum for anyone who would like to chew one. Tell them we'll be using it later!
- Divide into groups of 2 or 3
- Hand out supplies to each group: (5 pipe cleaners, 1 container of mini-play dough, googly eyes, one piece of paper and one marker)
- We are talking about loyalty today and when we think about loyalty one of the first things that comes to mind are dogs. Dogs are super loyal they stick with their owners!
- You will have 5-7 minutes to create a dog out of the supplies you have been given.
- After creating the dog on the piece of paper you must answer the following questions: "What is your dog's name? What is one amazing thing your dog can do? Your dog can say 3 words; what are they?"
- After 5-7 minutes call time and let groups show off their new dogs.

Ask these 2 questions:

1. What makes a dog an awesome pet?
2. Do you think being loyal is easy or hard to do?

Say: Being loyal is an important part of friendship. Life does not always go the way we want and sometime when we have a bad day that is when we need a friend the most. Jonathan show loyalty to David even when Saul was trying to hurt him. Let's think a little more David and Jonathan for a few minutes.

Explore the Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Index card with verses on them, plain index cards, pens/markers, 3 dice

Say: For a couple of chapters in the Bible; Jonathan showed his loyalty to David over and over again.

Instructions:

- Divide into groups of 2-3.
- Hand each group an index card with a scripture verse on them. Each group should have a different card. (Verses Are: 1 Samuel 18:1; 1 Samuel 20:2,4; 1 Samuel 20:17; 1

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Ask These Questions:

- 1-When do you think it was hardest for Jonathan to show loyalty to David?
- 2-Why is loyalty important in friendships?
- 3-Can you think of a situation when you needed to show loyalty to a friend?

Apply It:

Supplies Needed: *Poster board strips, crackers, glue, gum, honey, wet wipes*

Say: Another word for loyalty is sticky or sticking together. We have a few sticky items in our bag, let's see which one is the stickiest!

Instructions:

- Give everyone three crackers
- Have them apply glue to one cracker, honey to the other, and some *chewed up* gum to the next.
- Stick the crackers to the poster board.
- Once all crackers are on the poster board flip the board upside down and see which crackers stick the longest.
- You can even have some volunteers hold the poster board upside while you ask these final questions:

Ask These Questions:

1. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the best, how good are you being a loyal friend?
2. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the easiest, how easy is it for you to be loyal?
3. Is there someone you need to stick with who might need help? It could be a friend you already have or someone new you met.
4. We all go through tough times and to have someone by our side makes those tough times a little easier. Where would David have been without Jonathan in our story?

The Bible tells us that Jesus is a friend that never leaves us. We all have at least 1 loyal friend and that is Jesus!

Final Challenge & Prayer

Thank Jesus for never leaving us. Jesus is a faithful friend. Think about someone who might need your friendship right now. Think about how you can be loyal to your friends.

Take a moment and pray together before finishing up. You can say a prayer yourself, ask a student to pray, or if there is time, see if anyone has a prayer request before praying together.