

TUESDAY (Younger Elementary)

Welcome & Opening Activity

Greeting:

Welcome and greet your kids as they enter the room for the first time. Use the acronym W.A.R.M. to guide your welcoming time. As leaders be “W.A.R.M.” toward your kids.

W-Welcome and greet each child by name every day!

A-Actively Participate-Kids notice when the leaders are sitting on the edge. Join in and participate in all the experiences of camp even when you are not leading them.

R-Relationship Building-Kids will open up if they know you care for them. Ask questions, get to know them this week.

M-Model Jesus- For some kids, you may be the only person to show them how to follow Jesus.

Have a container ready to collect any monetary donations for our mission project. The mission collection team will come by your classroom to collect the money to count and deposit each day. Please leave it on your check in table or is a spot they can easily find it.

Early Arrival Activity:

Supplies needed: butcher paper on table with opening question, challenge chart, journals

Opening Question: What’s your favorite game to play with your friends? (Write and draw!)

Challenge Chart: Let kids fill in the section labeled “On the Lookout” with any personal stories or pictures where they experienced or showed that characteristic of friendship since they left camp yesterday.

As kids arrive, have them draw/write on the butcher paper answering the opening question. They can fill in the challenge chart. You can also hand out the journals and have work on the pages for day two. The journal can also be used at any point during the day.

When majority of kids have arrived gather everyone in a circle.

SAY: Hi guys! Welcome back to Vacation Bible Camp! My name is _____ and I get to hang out with you each day. Yesterday we started our VBC adventure “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” learning about Friendship. We’re learning all about what it takes to be a good friend and how Jesus wants to be our BEST friend. Let’s review our definition for friendship. *Move to friendship poster.* **Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.**

Before we start everyone tell the person next to you what you ate for breakfast/lunch/dinner today/last night. *Give 30 seconds.*

Each day of camp we'll hear a story from the Bible about friendship. We'll also learn about a character from Toy Story who showed friendship. What was yesterday's Bible Story? *The Good Samaritan*. Who was the Toy Story character and quality? *Lenny/on the lookout*. Let's see who our character is today. *Move to CHARACTERistics poster for Day 2: Slinky and "loyalty"*.

Loyalty! Today we'll be learning that a good friend is always loyal. What is loyalty? Loyalty is showing devotion or faithfulness to someone. You know in Toy Story, I think of Slinky the dog. Slinky was totally loyal to Woody, nothing would stop him from being his friend and helping him out. We'll be thinking about being a loyal friend today and remember that Jesus is loyal to us, always sticking by our side.

Opening Activity: Sticky Pictionary

Supplies: white board, dry erase markers and eraser, timer on a phone, Pictionary cards of sticky things (glue, honey, tape, marshmallow, candy, lollipop, pancake syrup, gum, spider web, etc.)

- Divide kids into 2 teams, they can pick a character from Toy Story to name their team.
- Pick 1 person from each team to take turns drawing what you show them from a card. Their team gets 30 seconds to guess what the image is. Switch drawers each time.
- Give 30 seconds, using a phone as a timer.

SAY: Can anyone guess what all these items we drew had in common?? (Allow responses). They are all sticky things right? Which one do you think is the most sticky? (Allow responses). Today you are going to hear the word Loyalty a lot when talking about a friendship. A simple way to remember the word loyalty is sticky. When you are a loyal friend you stick together! Jesus is a really sticky friend. More on that to come!

Before traveling to Drama and Worship

All of the campers here at VBC are super great people and we want everyone to have the best time ever. To help with that we have what I like to call...**Camp Rules of Fun and Friendship!**

We'll visit these each day and they'll help us all have fun and be good friends!

Show printout and invite kids to read each aloud. Post in a highly visible place in room.

1. Pay Attention
2. Respect Others
3. Stick Together
4. Have Fun
5. Be a Friend

Each day we'll travel to the sanctuary or what we sometimes call big church to learn an awesome story from the Bible. We'll also be meeting some very cool and silly folks along the way. Let's go!

Drama and Worship In the sanctuary 1:15-2:00pm

After your time in the sanctuary pay attention to your schedule, you may be going directly to a rotation or back to your classroom. While you've been in the sanctuary the snack team has delivered your snack, unless it's your day to go to Pizza Planet. You can serve it whenever you feel is a good time to have a break.

Bible Story Review

Supplies: Bible Story Sequence Posters, taped to walls out of order around the room.

Day 2 Bible Story Review (taken from *The Beginners Bible*, Zonderkidz)

Each statement is paired with a picture. Children will move to the posted image that matches each part of the story.

SAY: It's time for us to review our Bible story. I am going to read a sentence and you are going to move to the picture in the classroom that shows that part of the story. Are you ready? Here we go:

1. King Saul of the Israelites was grumpy. Young David played music on his harp and cheered him up.
2. David became best friends with King Saul's son, Jonathon.
3. David won many battles for the king. Many Israelite people thought David was a better fighter than even King Saul. King Saul became very angry and jealous of David, because people liked David more than him.
4. King Saul became so angry that he threw a spear at David, but David escaped
5. Prince Jonathan warned David that his father, King Saul, was planning to hurt him. Jonathon told David to run far away. They promised to always be best friends.

Bible Story ROUND UP:

SAY: Now that we've reviewed the story, let's ROUND UP what we know! *Note the ROUND UP poster. Go over the 4 questions with friendship quality "loyal" and allow kids time to talk and share.*

1. **Who was loyal?** *Jonathon*
2. **When was Jonathon loyal?** *He stuck by David even when it was hard*
3. **How can we be loyal?** *Allow plenty of discussion and sharing; can they share a time someone showed them loyalty?*
4. **Jesus is always loyal.** *Jesus never leaves us; He is our loyal friend.*

Pray together. You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the prayer below.

God, thank you for the friendship between David and Jonathon. Thank you that we all have a loyal friend in Jesus. Please help us be loyal too, sticking by our friends when they need us. Amen.

Activity: Arrow Craft

Supplies: Paint sticks, Feathers, Arrow tip, Glue, String/ yarn, Markers/crayons

SAY: Jonathon gave a warning to David by shooting what? *An arrow.* We're going to make an arrow today to take home as a reminder that friends show loyalty.

Instructions:

- Pass out the following to each child: 1 Paint stick, 3 feathers, 1 Arrow tip, string/yarn, 1 sticker label
- Glue the 3 feathers on one end of the stick, then wrap with a piece of string/yarn to help secure it.
- Glue the arrow tip to the other end of the stick, then wrap with a piece of string/yarn to help secure it.
- Put the "A Friend is Loyal" sticker on one side of the stick, then use the markers to write your name and add any fun colors and designs.

SAY: Take your arrows home and put it somewhere that you'll see it. Let it remind you that a good friend sticks with you even on the bad days. Jesus is a loyal friend promising never to leave you.



Extra Activity – Sticky Friends

Supplies: Poster board, saltine crackers, glue, honey, gum, papers numbered 1-5 stuck on the wall

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! Would anyone like a piece of gum, gum is sticky!
(hand out gum to any who want it)

Instructions:

- Choose 3 volunteers
- Give them each a crackers and have each apply a different substance – honey, glue and chewed gum (they will need to chew it up first).
- Stick the crackers to the poster board.
- You can have some other volunteers hold the poster board upside down while you ask these final questions

SAY: Around the room are the numbers 1-5. In just a moment I'm going to ask you a question and you are going to answer by moving yourself to one of the numbers around the room. This is not a race; please walk to the number that best answers the question I'm about to read to you. After everyone has picked an answer we will look around the room and see how we all feel about the question asked.

1. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the best, how good are you at being a loyal a friend?
2. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 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 one loyal friend and that is Jesus!

Closing: Challenge Chart:

SAY: Every day we are learning important characteristics about friendship. Yesterday we learned about being “on the lookout”. Let’s see how people put that in to practice. (Talk about what the children put on the sheet). Today we have learned what it means to be loyal. We want you to go home today and practice being a loyal friend. When you come in tomorrow you can share the ways you showed or experienced being “sticky” by writing or drawing it on this paper on the wall. What are you going to try to practice tonight? (Being a loyal friend)

Closing Video: Toy Story Clip with Slinky (instructions will be provided)

Dismissal:

SAY: It’s been another great day of camp with all of you! I can’t wait to see everyone back tomorrow and discover another way to be a good friend. Until then be sticky!! Remind children to bring in mission money and items.

Extra Time – Journal Time! Pull out your journal books and sketch in the day two section!