

FRIDAY (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 the wall with opening question, challenge chart, Journals

Opening Question: What is a favorite moment from this week of VBC? (Write and draw!)

Challenge Chart: Let kids fill in the section labeled “Stands up for what is right” 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 five. 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 our final day of Vacation Bible Camp! We get to hang out together one more day – oh man, this will be fun but kind of sad too! We’re continuing our “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” adventure, 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 if you could be any character from Toy Story, which would you like to be?

We've heard 4 awesome stories from the Bible about friendship and specific qualities or characteristics of being a friend. Let's review! Who remembers the Bible stories we've explored and those qualities? *Day 1: The Good Samaritan-on the lookout; Day 2: David and Jonathon-being loyal; Day 3: Ruth and Naomi-putting others first; Day 4: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego-standing for what is right.* What about the Toy Story characters and friendship qualities? *Lenny/on the lookout, Slinky/loyalty, Buzz/putting others first, Woody/standing for what is right.*

Today our characteristic of friendship is...*move to CHARACTERistics poster Day 5: aliens – pointing others to Jesus.*

Points others to Jesus! Our final friendship quality is – a good friend points others to Jesus. Have you ever gotten such good news that you couldn't keep it to yourself? You just had to tell someone right away? Well today you'll hear the best news of all that we should share with everyone. Jesus wants to be our friend and he's the greatest friend you can ever have! Today we're going to hear a story from the Bible about a guy who pointed his friend to Jesus. Instead of following Jesus alone and forgetting about his friend, he invited him along!

From the movie Toy Story I can definitely think of a character that pointed to something. *Demonstrate a Toy Story Alien slowly pointing up and saying, "The Claw!"* The aliens! The aliens were always pointing to their leader, right? The Claw at first, then it became Mr. Potato Head. Well in our Bible story today, a guy named Philip points his friend Nathanael to Jesus, who is definitely a better leader than The Claw or Mr. Potato Head!

Look at all these awesome characteristics of a friend. *Point to poster.* Jesus fits all of these. He is the best friend we can have, and he wants to be that friend to everyone. That's news we can share!

Activity: Bible Story Trivia/Toy Story Trivia

Do This:

Give a series of statements about everything learned throughout the week. If it's true, kids hop up and down on one foot while doing the dab. If it's false, kids lay on their backs with their arms and legs straight up in the air. If false, ask someone to share what changes could be made to the statement to make it true.

SAY: We're going to play a fun game to check how much you've learned at camp this year. *Explain the rules, always having kids return to standing/neutral position after one statement.*

From Day 1:

- The Good Samaritan helped the hurt man by bandaging up his cuts and taking him to an inn on his donkey. *True*
- Samaritans and the hurt man had been friends for a long time. *False. They had not been friends for a long time.*
- Chef Andy was trying to make pineapple cereal. *False. He was making pineapple cookies!*

From Day 2:

- David was King Saul's son. *False. Jonathon was King Saul's son.*
- Jonathon warned David about the danger he was in by shooting an arrow. *True*
- The game show that Buzz led was Minute to Win It. *False. It was Minute to Freeze it.*

From Day 3:

- Ruth and Naomi traveled from Kansas to Naomi's homeland, Israel. *False. They traveled from Moab to Israel.*
- Ruth gathered leftover grain from a field owned by King Nebuchadnezzar. *False. The field was owned by Boaz.*
- Steve the scrub brush and Wally the wash cloth did not want to serve Chef Andy. *True*

From Day 4:

- King Nebuchadnezzar created a statue made of gold. *True*
- King Nebuchadnezzar didn't care that Shadrach Meshach and Abednego didn't bow down to his statue. *False. He was so angry he made the furnace hotter and threw them in.*
- Woody was the only one who wouldn't praise Shazam. *True*
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SAY: That was fun! You guys know your friendship stuff!

Before traveling to Drama and Worship

You've rocked the **Camp Rules of Fun and Friendship** all week! Let's hear them one last time!

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

We've got one more Bible story to learn about today. Let's go!

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

Today's schedule is completely different! Everyone will be enjoying Sheridan's custard as a snack. You will be instructed when your class will go grab their custard.

Bible Story Review

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

Day 5 Bible Story Review (taken from freebibleimages.com copyright of Sweet Publishing)

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. Jesus was traveling from Bethany to Bethsaida, on the shores of Lake Galilee.
2. Jesus found a man called Philip in Bethsaida and invited Philip to follow him.
3. Philip was so excited, he went to find his friend Nathanael. Nathanael was sitting in the shade of a fig tree. Philip said, "We have found the Messiah! It is Jesus, he's from Nazareth!"
4. Nathanael didn't believe it. He said, "Nazareth!? Can anything good come from there?! But Philip did not get upset or give up. He said to Philip, "Come and see for yourself."
5. Jesus saw Philip and Nathanael coming and said of Nathanael, "Here comes an honest man – a true son of Israel"
6. Nathanael was surprised and said "How do you know what I'm like?" Jesus told him, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you."
7. Nathanael was amazed! He said, "Sir, you are the son of God!"

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 "pointing others to Jesus" and allow kids time to talk and share.*

1. **Who was pointing others to Jesus?** *Philip*
2. **When was he pointing others to Jesus?** *Philip met Jesus and told his friend Nathaniel right away.*
3. **How can we point others to Jesus?** *Allow plenty of discussion and sharing; can they share a time someone standing for what is right*
4. **Jesus is who we point people to!** *Who we point to! Jesus is the best friend anyone could ever have. When we know him, we can't help but point others to know him too!*

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

God, thank you for Philip and his excitement to tell his friend Nathaniel that he met Jesus. We know Jesus is the best friend we could ever have. Help us not keep the news

of Jesus' friendship to ourselves, but tell others. Help us point others to Jesus so they can know how great a friend he is too. Amen.

Activity: Jesus – Your Best Friend! Good News Alert

Supplies: Good News Alerts, markers, scissors

Instructions:

Hand out a Good News Alert to each child, explain that we want to point others to Jesus! You are going to decorate the alert and then hand them out to a few friends in the next few days.

SAY:

Your good news alerts look great! The people you give these to can be folks you know or even people you don't know. We want everyone to know about Jesus!

Closing: Challenge Chart:

SAY: Every day we are learning important characteristics about friendship. Let's look over our chart from the week and see how we became better friends. Today we have learned it is important to point others to Jesus. Find ways over the summer that you can point others to Jesus, can you do that?

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

Dismissal:

SAY: It's been an amazing week discovering so many things about Friendship. I'm so thankful to have all of you as my friends. And I know you've made friends with one another! We can count on each other to try and be on the lookout for when we need a friend, to be loyal, to try and put others first, to help us stand up for what's right, and to point others to Jesus. With Jesus as our best friend, we can go be that kind of friend to everyone else!

Extra Time – Journal Time!

Pull out your journal books and sketch in the day five section!

Shaving Cream Party!

You might want to bring a laundry basket or something to collect shoes and towels in for your class.

The shaving cream was paid for at the time of registration so no one needs to bring in their own can. We will distribute as they walk outside. It is for the campers only. Please make sure youth helpers are not grabbing them.

The most important thing is to tell your class where to meet when it is over. Please pick a spot and have one volunteer stay there the entire time; that way if a child finishes early or needs assistance they can find a familiar face.

Make sure kids have goggles if they want them, towels with them before heading down to the field.

There will be 4 designated areas:

Kindergarten classes (boys and girls together)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade girls

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Non-participant area. There will be hoola hoops and other stuff for them

Rules of the shaving cream party: Please cover these again before you go outside

No spraying the shaving cream directly out of the can onto anyone, spray into your hand and throw it onto people.

No head shots. Kids can choose to put it on their own heads and sculpt their hair.

Goggles are great for keeping shaving cream out of their eyes. If they happen to get shaving cream in their eyes a great way to get it off is with the inside of their shirt.

Stay in your designated area unless you are going to get hosed off.

Other notes:

1. There will be some chalk and bubbles for kids not interested in the shaving cream war game - on the street (north end).
2. There will be some baby pools and hoses for kids to rinse off with in addition to the fire truck (or if the fire truck is not able to be there) near Building C (AC units).
3. **There will be a basic "first aid" area on the service drive (near the mic/speaker) for kids that need eyes cleared, band aids, face wiped, etc. There will be people wearing safety vests through the field who can escort kids off if they need help.**
4. When the siren blows and announcement made (after fire truck wash off), please make sure kids meet up with you to safely get back to their classrooms for dismissal.

VERY IMPORTANT – Please make sure you help your kids clear the field at 3:15 when we say to. The 4th & 5th graders will be coming over to get sprayed off by the fire truck and we don't want anyone to be trampled!