LESSON 11 "FRIENDSHIP" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Mark 2:1-12 (page 1073)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Friendship</u> – Knowing, liking and accepting other people just the way they are.

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be a <u>friend</u> to others because Jesus is a <u>friend</u> to me.

MEMORY LINK

John 15:15b

"...I have called you <u>friends</u>, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1173)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Paper, music Option 2: Paper, bucket

BIBLE CONNECTION Beach towel

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: Hula hoops, sponge balls Option 2: Dowel rod, string, magnets, paper clips, note cards

Four Friends Help

WHAT'S THE POINT?

<u>Friendships</u> are important all throughout life, but for preteens, <u>friendships</u> are critical and often more influential than parents or teachers. So, helping kids know how to form healthy, positive <u>friendships</u> is key.

Today's Bible connection is about four <u>friends</u> who lower a paralyzed man though a roof to Jesus. The <u>friends</u> in this story understood that people are always more important than things. They did damage to a house to save a life. They knew that Jesus was the one who could best help their <u>friend</u>. After bringing him to Jesus, their <u>friend</u> was not only healed of his paralysis, but Jesus also forgave his sin. Jesus became his forever <u>friend</u>!

Like the four <u>friends</u>, you have an opportunity to bring people to Jesus every week in Beach Club. The four <u>friends</u> went above and beyond a typical <u>friendship</u> by breaking a hole in the roof so their <u>friend</u> could experience Jesus. How will you go above and beyond in giving the kids in your Beach Club an opportunity for a life changing experience with Jesus? Pray that every child in your Beach Club chooses to make Jesus his or her forever <u>friend</u>.

GET CONNECTED



10-15 Minutes - Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Tell me something you have done for a <u>friend</u> that was kind or showed you cared about them.
- Have you ever had a <u>friend</u> that broke an arm or a leg? How did you help them?
- Is it easier to forgive a friend that hurts you or someone you don't know? Why?
- Have you heard us use the term "forever <u>friend</u>" in Beach Club? What do you think that means?

Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Worship Tip

Switch it up one week. Print out the lyrics of 2 or 3 popular Christian songs and play the songs as the children read the words. Then lead the kids to discuss what the song means and talk about how the song made them feel. This may be a way to engage with some kids who have trouble taking worship time seriously.

MEMORY LINK



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Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them to memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Gospel books are eyewitness accounts of things that happened when Jesus lived on the earth. The gospel books are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Guide clubbers to find the book of John. The book of John was written by Jesus' best <u>friend</u>, John. Because of his close relationship with Jesus, John's gospel provides a unique look at how Jesus lived from the perspective of His <u>friend</u>.

Focus on today's Memory Link 📖

Today's memory link is found in John 15:15b. Guide kids to find John 15:15b in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1173). Have you ever been around a group of <u>friends</u> who have a lot of inside jokes? Since you don't know the jokes, you're on the outside, and that is not a lot of fun. Today's memory link lets us know that we are not on the outside, because Jesus doesn't keep any secrets from His <u>friends</u>. Jesus wants us to be in His circle and tells us that everything He heard from His Father He has made known to us. He is not keeping any secrets from us. Everything Jesus wants us to know is recorded in the Bible.

Option 1 – FOUR <u>FRIENDS</u>

Paper, music

Prepare

Divide the verse into four parts and write one part of the verse on each piece of paper.

Today you will learn the verse by working together as four <u>friends</u>. Form a circle with your surf team and pass the four papers around the circle as the music plays. When the music stops, the four clubbers holding the verse portions will walk to the middle of the circle, get in verse order and the group will recite the verse together. Repeat as time allows.

Option 2 - FAMILY, FRIEND or FUN

Paper, bucket

Prepare

Write the words "family," "friend" and "fun" on separate pieces of paper and place in a bucket.

Allow the child sitting next to you to pull a slip of paper from the bucket. If the child selects "family," the whole group says the verse together. If the child selects "friend," he will choose another clubber from the group and the two of them will say the verse together. If the child selects "fun," he must select a funny voice for everyone to use when reciting the verse. (Examples of funny voices: cowboy, surfer, mouth full of bubble gum, someone with a cold)

John 15:15b

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(KBC Study Bible pg. 1173)

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's character word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Beach towel

Introduce the Story

I'm going to ask some questions and call on people with a quiet, raised hand to respond. What words can you use to define a good <u>friend</u>? What things do <u>friends</u> do? How do <u>friends</u> treat each other? How can you know if someone is your <u>friend</u>? How can you be a <u>friend</u> to others? Today's true story from the Bible is about four men who showed genuine <u>friendship</u>.

Mark 2:1-3 🛄

Ask the kids to find Mark 2:1-3 in their KBC Study Bibles Mark 2:1-3 (page 1073) Ask a volunteer to read the verses aloud as the other kids follow along in their Bibles.

What was the problem? (So many people came to see Jesus that there was no more room in the house.) Let's pretend we were in the house that day. Everyone scoot in close together so that there's not any room for anyone else to fit in our pretend house.

Who was brought to Jesus and who brought him? (A paralyzed man was brought to Jesus by four of his <u>friends</u>.) Ask four kids to be the four <u>friends</u>. Select a smaller kid to be the paralyzed man. Instruct him to lie down on the beach towel. Invite the four <u>friends</u> to each hold a corner of the beach towel to carry the 'paralyzed' kid around the group, pretending to look for a way into the house.

Talk About It

These four <u>friends</u> liked their paralyzed <u>friend</u> just the way he was, but they also wanted the best for him. They cared about their paralyzed <u>friend</u> so much that they took him to find help. They had faith that Jesus could make their <u>friend</u> walk again. Their faith and <u>friendship</u> pushed them into action, but they quickly ran into a wall of people. These <u>friends</u> didn't give up.

Mark 2:4-5 📖

Ask a volunteer to read Mark 2:4 (page 1073). These <u>friends</u> climbed up on the roof and cut a hole big enough to lower their <u>friend</u> through it to Jesus. They had faith that Jesus could make their <u>friend</u> well. Tell the 'four <u>friends</u>' to place the 'paralyzed <u>friend</u>' in front of you.

What did Jesus say when He saw their faith? (Son, your sins are forgiven.) Jesus claimed that He has the power to forgive sins. That is something only God can do, meaning Jesus is the Son of God!

Mark 2:6-9

When the teachers of the law heard Jesus say He could forgive sin, they were horrified. They thought to themselves, how dare Jesus claim to do something only God can do. Guide the kids to make shocked expressions. Jesus knew the teachers were questioning and doubting him. So Jesus asked them a question, "Which is easier to say? 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'take up your bed and walk?""

Talk About It

Which do you think is easier to say? (Allow discussion.) Forgiveness can't be seen on the outside of a person. It is something that God does inside the heart

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Teaching Tip

Some of the kids your club may not have many friends. Or they may think they don't have any friends. They may be rejected by their peers, bullied or abused. They may feel unimportant or ignored. Make sure EVERY child in your Beach Club knows they have a friend in you. Make them feel valued by listening to them and giving them your full attention, even for just a few minutes. Make sure they know they can depend on you to help them, just like the four friends in today's story.

and is only known by the person who receives forgiveness. So, it is easier to say "I've forgiven your sin" because there is not any visible proof. On the other hand, to say "get up and walk" to a person who is paralyzed takes some guts. Everyone can see whether or not what you say actually happens.

Mark 2:10-12

So Jesus said to the crowd, "So you know I have the power to forgive sins," then He said to the paralyzed man, "get up, take up your bed and go home." Immediately the paralyzed man got up and walked out. Instruct your 'paralyzed' kid to get up, take the beach towel and walk to the back of the room. Guide the kids to make amazed expressions and say aloud "we never saw anything like this!"

What did Jesus prove through this miracle? He proved He had power from God. He used His power to miraculously heal the paralyzed man and to prove He has the authority to forgive sins.

Gospel Connection

The teachers of the law were right in one thing: only God can forgive sins. What they failed to see is that Jesus was God standing right in front of them. It took a miracle for them to understand that Jesus is the Son of God. What will it take for you to believe Jesus is the Son of God? He has the power to forgive your sins, too. That's what it means to make Jesus your forever <u>friend</u>. You can ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son who came to earth to take the punishment for sin you deserve. Then, CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing God's way rather than your own way.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one-on-one.

Application/Transition

The Bible doesn't say what happened when the paralyzed man walked home, but I imagine his <u>friends</u> went with him. What do you think they talked about? What do you think that walk home was like? I imagine they had big smiles on their faces and knew the truth that Jesus was the Son of God. I bet their <u>friendship</u> strengthened and they told everyone what happened.

It took the faith of the <u>friends</u> to care enough to do anything to introduce their paralyzed <u>friend</u> to Jesus. Maybe you're the one that needs to be a faithful <u>friend</u> and invite someone to Beach Club. Would you care enough about your <u>friend</u> do whatever it takes, to introduce them to Jesus?

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Teaching Tip

Remember that KBC sends a video email to parents of kids your record keeper enters into the management system as having made professions of faith (POF). Your church coordinator will receive a personal notification from your field staff representative on which kids have made decisions two weeks before the parent email is sent. During this two-week window, your partnering church should make every effort to connect with parents to celebrate their child's decision, help the parents understand what it means to choose to follow Jesus, and invite them to connect with the church that sponsors your club if they do not already have a church home. This process is detailed on page 18 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.

Gospel Tip

In KBC we use the term "forever <u>friend</u>." Use today's character word, <u>friendship</u>, to explain what it means to make Jesus your forever <u>friend</u>. Other phrases that mean the same thing may include "asking Jesus into your heart," "to follow Jesus" or "for Jesus to be my Lord and Savior." Some kids may have experienced an unhealthy <u>friendship</u> or been hurt by a <u>friend</u>. Make sure they know that Jesus is different than any <u>friend</u> they might have on earth. He loves His <u>friends</u> so much that He laid down His life for them. Making Jesus your forever <u>friend</u> means an abundant life on earth and an eternal life in heaven.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever <u>friend</u>. If so, let them go to the designated area.

Today's Lesson

- What questions do you have about today's story?
- How did the four friends in today's story live out friendship?
- Are you being a good <u>friend</u> if you never share Jesus with your <u>friends</u>? Why not?
- Why is it hard sometimes to ask others, or God, for forgiveness?
- What does it mean to make Jesus your forever friend?

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Jesus, we thank You that You were the perfect sacrifice for our sins, and that You are the only way our sins are forgiven. Thanks for being a Savior that also wants to be a <u>friend</u>. Amen.

Use the Bible 🛄

Give each child a memory link card. Review today's memory link and character word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's memory link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

One other gospel writer, Luke, wrote down today's Bible connection in his book. Look at Day 3. You will read what Luke says about this story. When you read the story, look for details that Luke mentions that Mark does not.

Teaching Tip

Every week, you are modeling friendship to children at a public school. As a surf team leader, you are positioned to be a true friend to the kids in your surf team. Yes, you are in a mentorship or leadership role, but consider the definition of friendship: knowing, liking and accepting other people just the way they are. Make the most of your opportunity to be a friend in the life of your kids.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - HULA TOSS

Sponge balls, hula hoops

Place 3 hula hoops at one end of two relay lines. Option: label each hula hoop with a different point value. Don't have hula hoops? Use painter's tape to mark a target on the floor.

Line up kids in 2 teams. Ask a review question. The kids at the front of the line will answer the question. Correct answers earn a turn to toss a sponge ball into a hula hoop. Award points for successful tosses. The team with the most points wins.

Option 2 - THROUGH THE ROOF

Dowel rod, string, magnets, paper clips, note cards with answers

Prepare

On the note cards, write the answers to the questions, and attach a paper clip to each. Make a fishing pole by using the dowel rod, string and magnet.

Tell the kids they will pretend they are lowering a man (the magnet) through the roof of a house. Guide kids to take turns. As each question is read, kids will use the magnet to pick up the correct card. To go above and beyond, cut a hole in a large box and pretend it is the house so it appears more like the kids are lowering the magnet through a hole in a roof. As answers are selected, make it more challenging by returning each answer card after each turn. If you have a large group, you may want to make multiple poles so kids do not have to wait as long to have a turn.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What does <u>friendship</u> mean? (Knowing, liking, and accepting other people just the way they are.)
- 2. Recite today's memory link. ("...I have called you <u>friends</u>, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.") (John 15:15b)
- 3. Why did the four <u>friends</u> take their paralyzed <u>friend</u> to Jesus? (They had faith Jesus could make him walk.)
- 4. Why couldn't the friends get into the house? (It was full of people listening to Jesus.)
- 5. What solution did the <u>friends</u> find to get their paralyzed <u>friend</u> to Jesus? (They lowered him through a hole in the roof.)
- 6. What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man first? (Son, your sins are forgiven.)
- 7. What did Jesus know the teachers of the law were thinking? (Who can forgive sins, but God alone?)
- 8. How did Jesus prove He has the power to forgive sins? (By healing the paralyzed man.)
- 9. Who has the authority to forgive your sins and wants to be your forever <u>friend</u>? (Jesus)
- 10. How can you make Jesus your forever <u>friend</u>? (Admit, believe, choose to follow)

Sometimes during review question time we focus on only one child at a time leaving the other children to zone out or get in trouble until it's their turn. Think of ways to involve and engage all the children in the review activities or give each of them a role, like crossing off which questions have been asked or setting up the game again for the next student.



"... I have called you friends, for a things that I heard from My Father have made kn **D** to Vo 15:15b

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