LESSON 18 "FRIENDLINESS" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Acts 10:1-48 (pages 1199-1200)

CHARACTER WORD

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

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be a <u>friend</u> to people who are not like me.

MEMORY LINK

Acts 10:34b

"God shows no partiality." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1200)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None Option 2: Index cards in two colors, container

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item, bed sheet

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Resource item, fly swatters Option 2: Fly swatter

Peter Meets Cornelius

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. One way to do that is by being <u>friendly</u>. Knowing, liking, and accepting other people just the way they are is what we want kids to learn to do.

In today's lesson, clubbers will hear that God does not show favoritism. God loves everyone and has made salvation available to all people. God has created everyone in His image, and yet we are all so very different. Short, thin, dark, freckled, athletic, musical, blind, rich, poor, heavy, artistic; the list is endless. Clubbers will discover that they can be a <u>friend</u> to people who are different than they are.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

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

- Tell me about your best friend. What do you like about him or her?
- Do you have any <u>friends</u> that are different than you? Do you think it would be cool to have a <u>friend</u> that is different from you? How?
- How can I pray for you as we begin KBC today?



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 TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

The song "Remarkably Made" by Jeremy Johnson and Paul Marino works great for this lesson because it helps us see that all the fish in the sea are different colors because God's imagination is so great. In turn, we are His creation and are all different. We are all remarkably made. Since I know that, it can help me to appreciate and love people who are different than me. Another song, "Bubblin Up" by the same writers, will help us sing about the need to tell others and shout God's praise.

MEMORY LINK



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2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers

8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Direct clubbers to find chapter 10 of Luke and verse 34b on page 1200. Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the clubbers follow along. Explain that the word "partiality" means favoritism. Ask kids to share a time when they have seen someone play favorites and fail to treat everyone the same way. Remind kids that God never plays favorites. He always treats everyone the same and wants us to treat everyone the same too. He wants us to be friendly to everyone. Guide kids to recite the verse three more times.

Option 1 - TELL A FRIEND

No supplies needed

Guide each Surf Team to sit in a circle. Beginning with the surf team leader, whisper the Memory Link, including the scripture reference to the student to their left, who in turn will whisper the Memory Link to the student to their left. Continue clockwise until the last student whispers the verse to their Surf Team leader. Then ask everyone to say the verse out loud together. If time allows, repeat this process counter clockwise. Repeat until time is called.

Option 2 - LAST MAN STANDING

Index cards in two different colors, container

Give each clubber two index cards, one in each color. Place a card of each color in a container. Tell kids to stand up as they select one color card and hold it up high. Guide kids to say the verse together. Without looking, draw one card out of the container. Kids holding up that color are still in play. Kids holding the opposite color are out of play and will sit down. Begin another round by guiding kids still in play to hold up only one card. Return your card to the container, guide kids to say the verse again, and select a card from the container. Kids holding up that color are still in play. Kids holding the opposite color are out of play and will sit down. Continue playing until only one child remains standing. Congratulate the child for being the last man standing.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Resource item: unclean animal pictures, bed sheet

Set the Stage

God gave the people of Israel many laws, which are recorded in the Old Testament. For example, Leviticus 11 gives a list of animals that the Israelites were allowed to eat. God called those animals common or clean. He also gave the Israelites a list of specific animals that they could not eat. God called these animals unclean. Although God did not reveal the specific reasons that some animals may be eaten and others must be avoided, we can make generalized conclusions based on the animals included in the two categories. In listing the animals that should not be eaten, God forbid them to eat animals that were scavengers and carrion eaters, which devour other animals for their food as well as those animals that consume decaying organic matter.

Also, the law did not allow Israelites, or Jews, to be friends with people who were not Jews. God wanted to protect them from people who would tempt them to worship idols and false gods.

Tell the Story

Open your KBC Study Bible to Acts 10:1-48 (page 1199). Challenge them to locate the names "Cornelius" and "Peter" in the passage. Guide kids to keep their Bibles open and listen as you tell the following story.

In Caesarea, there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Roman army. He was a religious man, fearing God, praying constantly, and giving generously to charity. An angel appeared to him in a vision. The angel told Cornelius that God had heard his prayers and saw his good deeds. He told him to go to Joppa and bring back a man named Peter. The angel told Cornelius that Peter was with Simon, the tanner, who lived near the seashore. When the angel left, Cornelius told two of his servants and a trusted soldier what the angel said and immediately sent them to Joppa to find Peter.

In the meantime, Peter went up on the housetop to pray. While praying, Peter had a vision from God. He saw the heavens open up and a great sheet came down. In it were all kinds of animals, birds and reptiles. Draw attention to the sheet on the ground with the pictures of the animals. A voice said, "Rise, Peter. Kill and eat." But Peter answered, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." The voice said, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common, unclean." The sheet appeared three times and was taken into heaven. After this vision, the Holy Spirit told Peter that three men were looking for him and not to worry because He had sent them.

At that time, the men sent by Cornelius arrived. They told Peter how the angel had appeared to Cornelius and why Cornelius sent them. So the next day, Peter left with them to go see Cornelius.

As You Prepare

Spread a bed sheet on the floor and display all the animal pictures on it. Invite kids to bring their Bibles and gather around the sheet.

When they arrived at Cornelius' house, Cornelius had gathered together his family and close <u>friends</u>. Cornelius saw Peter and bowed down to worship him. But Peter told Cornelius to stand up and explained he was just a man and should not be worshipped. Peter asked why Cornelius sent for him. So, Cornelius told Peter about his vision and God's command for him to send for Peter. Cornelius told Peter they wanted him to tell them the truth about the One True God.

Peter explained how he was a Jew and that it was against Jewish law or tradition for him to be <u>friends</u> with people from other nations. He explained how God came to him in a vision and told him he should not call any person unclean. Guide kids to read Acts 10:34-35 together. Remind kids that God accepts all people and does not show favoritism to anyone.

As Peter told Cornelius and the others how God sent Jesus to provide forgiveness for everyone, the Holy Spirit came upon them to show that God accepted them even though they were not Jewish. So Peter baptized Cornelius, his <u>friends</u> and his family because they believed in Jesus. Peter stayed a few days to teach them more about Jesus. Peter became <u>friends</u> with them even though they were different than him.

Application

In the same way, God wants us to accept others. The good news is for everyone who believes. You can show <u>friendliness</u> to others, especially to those who are not like you, by following God's example and not showing favoritism. You can also show <u>friendliness</u> to others by telling them the good news about Jesus.

Gospel Connection

The good news is the gospel. God has shown great <u>friendliness</u> toward all people. Cornelius and the others placed their faith in Jesus because Peter told them how Jesus died on the cross for their sins, was buried and rose again the third day so they could have eternal life. They chose to place their faith in Jesus and invite Him to be their forever friend. You, too, can invite Jesus to be your forever <u>friend</u>. If you want to know more about how to invite Christ into your life, just like Cornelius and his family, come see me after I pray, or talk with your Surf Team leader.

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.

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Gospel Tip

Remember to record all the professions of faith in KOMS and encourage your church to follow up on each child's decision. See pages 16-19 in the Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy for instructions on how to enter a profession of faith, follow-up procedures and how to communicate a child's decision to their parents.

SURF TEAM TIME

5-10 MINUTES LESSON 18
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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

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

Today's Bible Lesson

- 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 friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?

Use the Bible 📖

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 do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 2 of the Hang 10 page. Let's read James 2:23 on page 1342. What does this verse say about Abraham? Do you want to be a <u>friend</u> of God? You can believe in Him today.

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.

God, I believe in You. I want to be like Abraham. I want to be Your <u>friend</u>. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Make a video of kids at your church. Ask your church kids to share fun things they do at church and why they would love to meet new friends who attend Beach Club each week. Then show it during Beach Club and invite all your Beach Clubbers to your church. Also, encourage all your Sunday School teachers to personally invite the children who would be in their class. Tell them their siblings and other family members also are welcome to come.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

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Give each surf team a fly swatter. Guide the surf teams to line up single file. Hand the first person in each line a fly swatter. On your call, instruct the first person in each line to run to the pile of animal pictures, swat one and run back to their line. The first person back to their line gets to answer the review question. Continue until everyone in the surf team has had an opportunity to answer a review question.

Option 2 - UP FOR GRABS

Fly swatter

Have all the surf teams come together to make a large circle in the center of the room. Instruct the clubbers to number off 1-10 and to remember their number. At the center of the circle place one fly swatter. The make-it-stick review game leader will call out a number between 1 and 10. Every child in the circle with that number will race to the center of the circle to get the fly swatter. The clubber that gets the fly swatter gets to answer a review question. Continue until all questions are answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Friendliness)
- 2. In which book of the Bible is today's story? (Acts)
- 3. What were the names of the two main characters in our story today? (Peter and Cornelius)
- 4. What was Peter's vision on the rooftop? (Large sheet with unclean animals; God told him to eat)
- 5. What happened after Peter told Cornelius about Jesus? (Cornelius became a follower of Jesus.)
- 6. What is today's Memory Link? (Acts 10:34b "God shows no partiality.")
- 7. What are the ABCs for becoming Jesus' forever <u>friend</u>? (Ask, Believe, Choose to Follow)
- 8. How has God shown <u>friendliness</u>? (He does not show partiality, He sent Jesus to die for the sins of all people.)
- 9. How can you show <u>friendliness</u> this week to someone who is different from you? (Answers will vary.)
- 10. What is the best place to hang out with <u>friends</u> after school and find treasure? (KiDs Beach Club®)



Acts 10:34b

