

Alley SG—July 17th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Have a Little Faith in Me (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 18–20, 2 Samuel 9
(Supporting: 2 Samuel 4:4)

Today's Key Question: How can you be someone people can count on?

Today's Bottom Line: Be faithful so others can count on you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

1. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, “Spiral Waves” Page (1 per kid), pens, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Ask kids to look up Proverbs 3:3.
- Give each kid a copy of the “Spiral Wave” Activity Page and a pen.
- Beginning in the center of the spiral, ask kids to write the verse in the white space of the wave.
- When finished, ask:
 - What would you say is the main thing the writer of Proverbs 3:3 wants us to know? Based on this verse, what are we supposed to do? How do we do it?
 - What does faithfulness look like in our life?
 - Name some ways that being a faithful friend makes a wave, makes a difference, makes an impact on the world around us.
- Form teams of two or three kids.
- Give each team eight markers.
- Tell teams to place one of their “Spiral Waves” on a hard, flat surface.
- Challenge team members to work together to carefully stand each marker upright on eight of the words they feel are most important to the meaning of the verse.
- Invite teams to share the words they chose and why they feel they are the most important.
- Challenge teams to look at their arrangement of markers and decide which would be the most strategic one to knock over if they wanted to cause a ripple effect that would touch all of the other markers.
- Once they have agreed, let them gently push the marker over and see how many others it makes contact with.
- The team with the most markers down is the winner.
- Ask:
 - How many markers did it take to move the others on your paper?
 - What can you do this week to be a faithful friend?
 - What can you do inspire others to be faithful friends and create a wave of faithfulness?

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: Letter Tiles (1 Set per Group)

What You Do:

- Set out your Letter Tiles, facedown in front of your Group.
- Let each kid choose one tile.
- Form a circle.
- Challenge kids to share a one-word quality they feel is important in a good friend. The catch is that the quality they name must begin with the same letter as their Tile.

- Encourage kids to get creative and see who can come up with the most random and even mundane ways to be a faithful friend.

What to Say:

"You all came up with so many great ways to be a friend! We should all be the kind of friend that people want to be around. Just like Jesus was. Jesus is the Best Friend we could ever have or ask for. He is always there for us, always cares for us, and always stays close to us. He will never leave us! Jesus is the most faithful Friend there is!"

3. Find a Friend Bingo

What You Need: Bingo Cards (set of 8 per group per service) and Call List (1 per group) and Pens

What You Say: "Ok everyone! We're going to play a game called "Find a Friend Bingo".

What You Do:

- Hand out one Bingo Sheet and a pen to each kid in your Group. There will be 8 Sheets Total in a Set. If you need more, grab more from another set in your Cart.
 - NOTE: If you have more than 8 in your Group, you will have multiple winners of the Game.
- Instruct kids to go mingle with one another and try to "find friends" that have the qualities needed on their sheet.
 - For example, Greg likes spicy food, so Greg would sign his friend's sheet for him/her.
- After a few minutes, bring everyone back together and allow them to share who they met, and some interesting things about their new friends.
 - For example, "I found out that Tim doesn't like cats, so I had him sign my sheet."
- Once your group is done sharing, have them all gather around to play BINGO.
- At any random order, use your call list to call out random items:
 - For example, "B, Find someone that likes to cook."
 - Play until there is a winner, and play as many rounds as time and interest allows.
 - **Winners get \$1 in Alley Cash!**

4. Discussion Questions

- What's one good thing that comes out of being a faithful friend?
- What's one not-so-good thing that can happen if we're not someone others can count on?
- Why should someone who follows and loves Jesus be known as a person who is faithful?
- When is it hard to be a faithful friend?

5. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Say:

"Dear God, we need Your help in order to be faithful to You and a faithful friend to others. We know that the way we treat others is a huge clue about our love and faithfulness to You. So, help us be the ones this week that others can count on. Help us send out a wave of friendship that see others the way You see them show them we care. In Jesus' name, amen."