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Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

9:00 & 11:30

Friends ...

- “Friendship Bottom Line” (Activity Page), one per kid
- Pencils

10:15

Early Arriver

- No supplies needed

Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (9:15, 10:30, 11:45)

- Bible Presentation in Large Group

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

9:00 & 11:30

Where to Worship?

- Paper
- Pencils
- “Target”

10:15

Is it Worship?

- Paper
- Pencils

Prayer (9:50, 11:05, 12:20)

- No supplies needed

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today’s Bible Truth.

9:00 & 11:30

Friends ...

What You Need: “Friendship Bottom Line” (Activity Page), one per kid; pencils

What You Do:

Give kids a word puzzle with each of the friendship Bottom Lines they have learned the last two months. Kids will have to unscramble the missing word in the Bottom Line. See if they can identify the “mystery” action word for this week.

What You Say:

“You did a great job remembering all the ways we have learned to treat our friends AND figuring out what we are going to talk about today. **[Transition] Let’s head to Large Group to hear how we can worship with our friends.**”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

10:15

Early Arriver Idea

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite kids to sit together with you. Ask kids what type of music they like, what are some of their favorite bands, what is their favorite song.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 25 minutes)

GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host

2. Bible Truth

What You Need:

- Historyteller
- Bible
- Videos (or pictures) of your three staff members doing these various activities—first with two or three people together, then again with just one. (*Note: These are just suggestions; you can always come up with your own activities that are NOT fun with one.*)
 - Tag
 - Pool
 - Swinging
 - Video Games
 - Ping Pong
 - Trust fall
 - Party

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Power Praise Team

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- “Raise Your Hand High”
- “This Love”
- “My God Can”

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Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 25 minutes)

Engage kids’ hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

CG: 10 Second count down

CG: Theme Slide

Host enters.

SETTING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

HOST: “Good morning! I am so glad to see you this morning. We are going to jump right into our Bible Truth today. Today’s lesson is a great reminder of how important it is for us to spend time together. *(Hold up Bible)* Although in these verses, it’s talking about US. *(Motioning around the room)* Your Small Group. The Church!

“First, let me ask you a question. Do we really need friends? I mean, think about it. We can do so much on our own, right? Think about all the technology we use. If we have a question, we can just Google it. Anytime. Anywhere. We play video games and stare at a screen for hours on end. We can even order a pizza online so we don’t have to talk to anyone on the phone. So, it’s really easy for us to feel like we can do everything by ourselves.

“But is that really how God made us to live? Do we really NEED other people? *(Pause.)* What if you tried to do everything by yourself? Would it really be better with just one? Well, take a look at this and we’ll find out.”

BETTER WITH ONE?

Note: These are videos of staff members doing these various activities—first with two or three people together, then again with just one.

CG: Tag

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CG: Pool

CG: Swinging

CG: Video Games

CG: Ping Pong

CG: Trust fall

CG: Party

KEEP MEETING TOGETHER

HISTORYTELLER: “Okay, so is life better with one? No way! We need friends! Life wouldn’t be any fun if you were by yourself all the time. God designed you to have people around you—to help you, support you, and encourage you.

“Listen to these verses from the book of Hebrews, chapter ten, verses twenty-four and twenty-five.

Open the Bible and read Hebrews 10:24-25a.

“‘And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.’ (NIV)

CG: Week 4 Verse Slide

“You see, God knows that if we’re going to follow Him, we can’t really do it on our own. We need other people. We need friends! God wants us to have people in our lives that can cheer us on as we make wise choices and live the way He wants us to live.

“Look around you right now. This is why you’re in a Small Group! This is why you have a leader who cares about you and wants what’s best for you. This is why you have a group of friends. You can encourage them, and they can encourage you!

FRIENDSHIP REVIEW

HISTORYTELLER: “Alright, now I need nine of you to come up here for a minute. I need your help to show why friendship is so important.

Bring nine kids up on stage (possibly an entire Small Group).

“We need friends. We need to keep meeting together. Because here’s what friends do!

One by one, give each kid a Review Poster to represent the six weeks of the Friendship series. Have the kids spread out on stage so the audience can see all nine of the signs.

[Impress] “Friends love each other.”

[Impress] “Friends welcome each other.”

[Impress] “Friends are patient with each other.”

[Impress] “Friends serve each other.”

[Impress] “Friends accept each other.”

“And this last one is what we’re talking about today: **[Impress]** friends worship with each other.

(To the nine kids on stage) “Okay, you guys can stick your signs on the wall here for me. Awesome. Thanks.”

WRAPPING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

HISTORYTELLER: “THIS is what friends do for each other. (*Referencing the signs*) THIS is why God created us to need others—to need Him, and each other. God created us to worship Him together with others.

“You see, when we hear the word *worship*, we tend to think of it as music. But it’s so much more than that! Worship is what you DO. Worship is showing God you love Him by the way you act and the way you treat others. So, when you (*reference the signs*) love each other, or serve each other, or forgive each other—when you **[Recycle] treat others the way you want to be treated**—that’s a great way to worship God!

“That’s why it’s so important for you and me to go to church! That’s why it’s so important to share with each other in the circle of our Small Groups. We need others to help us stay strong and focused on the way God wants us to live. It’s just like the verse in Hebrews says: ‘Let us not give up meeting together.’ Because God does incredible things through people—through friends who circle up together to worship Him.

“Remember, **[Impress] friends worship with each other.**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Remember our verse.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“It really is a gift for us to share life together and share our hope in God. And praying together is such a big part of that. So, let’s do that right now. Will you guys huddle up with your Small Group, football-style? I’ll lead us.”

Pray

HISTORYTELLER: “God, thank You so much for the friends in this room—for the circle of friends You’ve put in place, so we can grow stronger in our relationship with You and with each other. We know that You made it this way, so that we could share life together and encourage each other along the way. Please help us to remember all that we’ve learned about friendship—how we can love and serve each other and find strength in these friendships you’ve created. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“If you have an offering with you go ahead and bring that on up now.”

“Everyone on your feet for some of our favorite friends and help me welcome the Power Praise Team in here.”

Power Praise Team enters.

WORSHIP

SFX: "Raise Your Hands High"

SFX: "This Love"

SFX: "My God Can"

Power Praise team exits. Host enters.

Host calls all small group leaders onto the stage and form a rocket-style line, with arms around each other's waists.

Closer

HOST: "So the one thing about friendship to remember today is this:"

HOST and SMALL GROUP LEADERS: [*Impress*] "Friends worship with each other."

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

HOST: (*To kids*) "Say it with us!"

KIDS and LEADERS: [*Impress*] "Friends worship with each other."

HOST: "One more time!"

KIDS and LEADERS: [*Impress*] "Friends worship with each other!"

SFX: *Play high-energy music as kids exit.*

All Leaders meet in the center of the stage and "bring it in," then raise their hands victoriously.

HOSTS: "Ahhhhhhh ... FRIENDSHIP!"

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.

CG: *Small Group Slide*

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Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (10 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible Truth applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

9:00 & 11:30

Where to Worship?

What You Need: a “target” of some sort, paper, pencils

What You Do:

Give kids a pencil and paper and ask them to write down a place (such as school, store, beach, kitchen, tennis court, etc.) on their piece of paper. When finished, ask the kids to wad up their papers.

Put your target on the floor and invite everyone to stand about six to eight feet from the target. At your signal, let the kids try to toss their paper wads onto (or into) the target. If none of the paper wads land in the target, play again, allowing the kids to take one step closer.

When a paper wad lands inside the target, pause the game. Remind the kids they can worship with their friends anywhere; all they have to do is simply stop and turn their focus to God. Invite a child to choose a paper wad from within the target, and then open and read what is written on it.

Using some or all of the words on the papers, ask the kids to suggest a scenario for worshipping God in an everyday activity. For example, if the word is *church*, kids might suggest when they listen to the lesson they are learning about God. Or if the words are *tennis court*, kids might suggest they love playing tennis with their friends and when they do something they love it is a way of praising God for the gifts/talents He has given them. Repeat the game several times or as time allows.

What You Say:

“Some of the worship places we talked about in our game were very unusual, but **[Apply]** **that’s okay because you and your friends can worship God ANYWHERE. All you have to do is think about Him. Sometimes your worship will be silent as you remember a cool thing God did for you or an answer to prayer. Other times you’ll worship God with your whole body as you play a sport you love.** At home, at school, in church, anywhere, there are no limits to the ways you and your **[Impress]** **friends worship with each other.”**

10:15**Is it Worship? (review the Bible story)****What You Need:** paper, pencils**What You Do:**

Hand out a sheet of paper and a pencil to each kid. Give kids one minute to make a list of the ways they can worship with their friends. When the minute is up, go through the lists as a group. If there are any duplicate ideas, kids should mark those off of their lists. The person with the most number of original ways to worship on their list is the winner! Feel free to remind them before they start: worshiping God isn't only singing His praises but worship is anything we do that shows God you love Him.

What You Say:

"There are a lot of ways we can worship with our friends. **[Apply] We don't just worship by singing loud. We worship by living loud. Worship is showing God you love Him by the way you act, and the way you treat others.** When we spend time with our friends and **[Recycle] treat others the way you want to be treated**, we are worshiping God!"

[Personalize] Share one or two ways you and your friends worship God together.

All Service Times**Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)****What You Need:** No supplies needed**What You Do:**

Challenge the kids to recite the six Bottom Lines about friendship. The Bottom Lines are:

- **[Impress] Friends love each other.**
- **[Impress] Friends welcome each other.**
- **[Impress] Friends are patient with each other.**
- **[Impress] Friends serve each other.**
- **[Impress] Friends accept each other.**
- **[Impress] Friends worship with each other.**

Incorporate the Bottom Lines in prayer for today.

What You Say:

"Dear God, You have shown us what friendship means to You and how important it is for us to **[Recycle] treat others the way we want to be treated.** Help us to love each other, to be patient, and welcome others. Help us to be teachers and servants, to accept others the way You accept each of us. Help us to show the world Jesus' forgiveness and encourage friends to be the people You created them to be. God, with every action we do and every word we say, may we worship Your Holy Name. Amen."

Dismiss

Give each child a GodTime card. Pass out Parent CUE cards as adults arrive to pick up.

FRIENDSHIP:

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

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What to Do:

Copy and cut apart. Each kid needs one half sheet.

Friendship Bottom Line

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