

FOREST FRIENDS

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BIRTH-K





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: None

1. Introductions and Snack

Circle Up: Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle as quickly as they can and give you a “thumbs up” when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

Do This: Give kids hand sanitizer, then hand each of them a snack.

2. Discussion Questions

- What are some really quiet things? (Whispers, mice, porcupines, snow)
- Who listened to Jesus in our Bible Adventure? (Mary)

Repeatable Phrases: “A good friend listens.” “I can show love by listening.”

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Have everyone answer these questions at the same time. Ask the question, and have them say their answer when you count down from three: “What is your favorite animal?” and “What is your favorite color?”

Do This: Listen! Get as quiet as you can for ten seconds, and then talk about what you hear. You might hear the air vents, someone in the hall, birds, or rustling noises.

Say This: Could you hear anyone else when everyone was talking? No, when there’s a lot of noise, it’s hard to hear anything, but when we all stopped to listen, we could hear some things we wouldn’t normally hear.

The Point: Listening is an important part of being a good friend. We want our friends to listen to what we say, so we should listen to them, too!

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, Stickers, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 17:17 - A friend loves at all times.

Big Idea: I can listen.

Do This: Give each kid a sticker. Encourage them to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

Do This: Pray! “Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to listen to others. Amen.”