

# 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 is someone you think is really good at listening?
- Who listened to Jesus in our Bible Adventure? (Mary)

## 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.”