

# FOREST FRIENDS

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# Forest Friends

## Series at a Glance for Kid-O-Deo

### About this Series

Join us on a trip through our Kid-O-Deo forest! We'll meet all the animals, have fun, and make lots of new friends, while learning how we can be good friends and family members.

### Memory Verse

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

### Weekly Overview

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
Lesson 1: September 7/8	Being a Friend Jesus Chooses Disciples—Luke 6:12-16	I can be a friend.
Lesson 2: September 14/15	Being Kind The Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37	I can be kind.
Lesson 3: September 21/22	Telling the Truth Zacchaeus—Luke 19:1-10	I can tell the truth.
Lesson 4: September 28/29	Listening Mary and Martha—Luke 10:38-42	I can listen.
Lesson 5: October 5/6	Helping Ruth and Naomi—Ruth	I can help others.
Lesson 6: October 12/13	Sharing Fish and Loaves—John 6	I can share.
Lesson 7: October 19/20	Forgiving Jesus forgives Peter—John 21	I can forgive.
Lesson 8: October 26/27	Believing Gospel Story—John 18-21	I can be friends with Jesus.

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### **Lesson 1: Being a Friend**

How do you find a great friend? This week, we'll hear about how Jesus met some of His closest friends and learn why making good friends starts with being a good friend.

### **Lesson 2: Being Kind**

What does a good friend do? On our walk through the forest this week, we'll hear a story Jesus told about how kindness is an important part of being a good friend.

### **Lesson 3: Telling the Truth**

When Zacchaeus met Jesus, his life was completely changed. One of the biggest differences was that Zacchaeus began telling the truth. This week, we'll see how honesty can make a huge difference in our lives, too!

### **Lesson 4: Listening**

What are some things you listen to? This week, we'll see how listening can help us be a good friend and family member and hear the story of someone who was so busy, they almost forgot to listen to Jesus.

### **Lesson 5: Helping**

Everyone needs help sometimes, even grown-ups! This week, we'll hear how Ruth helped her grown-up in a really tough time and think of ways we can help others today.

### **Lesson 6: Sharing**

Sharing with others makes a difference! Just ask a young boy who shared his lunch with Jesus and ended up sharing it with thousands of people! We'll find out what happened this week.

### **Lesson 7: Forgiving**

When we have friends, we'll sometimes need to forgive. This week, we'll hear about a time when Jesus had to forgive one of his friends and see how we can follow His example and forgive others.

### **Lesson 8: Believing**

Jesus shows us how to be good friends, family members, and neighbors, but most of all, He shows us that God loves us! Every one of us can choose to be Jesus' friend and follower today.

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## Lesson Outline for Kid-O-Deo

### Lesson 1: Being a Friend

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Kid-O Playtime (10:00)	00:00-10:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Opening Song (3:00)	
Introduction and Rules (2:00)	
Worship Song: Hosanna Rock (3:00)	
Big Idea (2:00)	
Bible Adventure (6:00)	
Memory Verse (3:00)	
Worship Song: Shout (3:00)	
Try it Out (5:00)	
Kid-O-Whampus (2:00)	
Prayer (2:00)	10:00-43:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	43:00-60:00



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Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Transition Time

2:00

**Do This:** 10 minutes after the start of the Adult Service, walk into every Pre-K Room and introduce yourself. Tell kiddos to follow the directions of their room leaders, clean up, line up, and that you will see them in a little bit in the large group room.

**Know This:** *You are these Kid-Os' experience of church!* Your tone, attitude, and actions are forming the way these kids think about God, church, and even people in general. You have the opportunity through what you do and say to create an environment where they feel welcome, included, and valuable!

## Opening Song

3:00



*(Roll when directed)* Kid-O-Deo Theme Song Video



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## Introduction and Rules

2:00

Welcome everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm super excited to see each and every one of you! There are lots of new friends with us today, and we are so glad that you're all here. During our time together, we'll get to sing a couple fun songs, learn a memory verse, and hear an awesome story. Before we do any of that, there are three important things for you to remember.

**Do This:** Spend some extra time explaining the rules as there will likely be several new Kid-Os in your space. There are examples of language you can use within the listing of the three rules, but whatever you say here, try to make sure it's consistent across the Large Group Leaders at your campus.

**Know This:** This is a great opportunity to set the tone and expectations for your time together. Kids like to know what's expected of them too—it helps them feel safe and secure. You can make this section informative, helpful, and fun all at the same time!

**Rule #1: When I'm talking you are listening!**

We have so many great things to do together today, and that's why we want to make sure everyone follows this first rule. It's so important that we are going to practice it right now. Please put on your listening ears and be sure to crank them on really tight! Now, on the count of three, let's practice listening! 1, 2, 3!

*Rule #2: Keep your hands and feet to yourself!*

We want this to be a great place for all you leaders and Kid-Os, which means no poking, kicking, or bugging your neighbor. A good way to remember this rule is to: do a little clap and place your hands in your lap!

*Rule #3: Stay in your spot!*

Everyone has a spot here in Kid-O-Deo, and your spot today can be right where you're sitting. When there are Kid-Os running around or coming on the stage, it can make it really hard to learn and have fun. So, let's take our special glue sticks and put some glue on our spot! This glue is special because it helps you sit when it's time to listen, but it lets you stand when it's time to do things like sing.

Great job listening to our rules. The rules are really great because they can help us learn and have lots of fun while we're here!

## Worship

3:00

Let's get started with a song! This song is called "Hosanna Rock." Hosanna is a word we can use to tell God that we love Him. Everyone stand up, and let's use our hands, feet, and voices to praise God together!



Song 1: Hosanna Rock



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## Big Idea

2:00

I love singing with you, Kid-Os! You can sit down. We're starting a new series here in Kid-O-Deo called "Forest Friends." During this series we'll get to meet lots different friends here in the forest, and we'll hear all about how we can be friends with others.

Since it's a new school year, we are changing things up a bit around here. We used to practice our Big Idea at the end of our Large Group time, but we are going to learn our Big Idea right now! Our Big Idea will tell us more about what we'll be learning

today. Also, Ranger Ron won't be helping us learn our Big Idea anymore, instead, we'll get to meet a new friend who will help us learn something a little later. Let's learn the Big Idea together!



Big Idea Jingle



*(Auto advance)* Big Idea Slide: I can be a friend.

Frank the Frog wants to know what our Big Idea is! The Big Idea is, "I can be a friend." Can you repeat that after me? The Big Idea. THE BIG IDEA. I can be a friend! I CAN BE A FRIEND!

**Do This:** Show Kid-Os the actions and have them practice the Big Idea with you three times. Use a different voice each time. **Voice ideas for this week: Hopping Frog, Tweeting Bird, Quacking Duck.**

**Know This:** These are the Big Idea actions: (Palms face out with arms in front of you and move hands downward and to the sides) The Big Idea (Thumbs point toward self) I can (Pretend to give someone a side hug) be a friend.

Awesome job practicing our Big Idea! You can all sit down.

We'll hear a lot more about how we can be a friend today. Throughout our time together, if you hear the Big Idea Bugle which sounds like this...



Bugle sound effect

...then it means we need to say our Big Idea. You can say it and still do the actions while sitting in your spot. Let's practice!



Big Idea Bugle

All right, let's say the Big Idea. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN BE A FRIEND! You've got it!



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We have so many forest friends here, like Rocky the Raccoon, there is Tweet the Bird, and Mr. Bear! If we learn more about our Big Idea and how we can be a friend, we'll get to meet another new forest animal friend later on.

Next it's time to head deeper into the forest for a Bible Adventure!



Bible Adventure Jingle

**Do This:** Show kids the Bible.

The Bible is the greatest book ever. It's full of words from God, and there are lots of true stories about people who loved God in the Bible too! Today we are going to hear a true story about God's very own Son. His name is Jesus!

**Do This:** Get the Bible storybook out and sit down in the chair.

This story you are going to hear comes from the Bible, but we use this storybook because the pictures help us imagine what it might have looked like back when the Bible was written. The pictures you see in here are the same as the ones on the screen. Let's get started!

**Do This:** Have kids help you "turn" the pages on the screen with an exaggerated arm wave.



Picture 1: Jesus standing and smiling

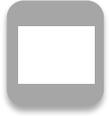
God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth many years ago. While Jesus was here, He taught people how to love God and love others. He also did amazing things called miracles, like healing people who were sick, and walking on the water. Even though Jesus was God's Son, He knew that it was still important for Him to have friends here on earth.



Picture 2: Peter cleaning his nets with Jesus teaching

Jesus met a man named Peter. Peter worked as a fisherman. This meant it was his job to catch fish in great big nets. *Can you pretend to swim like a fish?*

One day, Jesus was teaching a group of people while Peter and some other fishermen were cleaning their nets nearby. So many people came to listen to Jesus, that there was no more room on the beach! Jesus asked if He could stand in Peter's boat and teach. After Jesus was done teaching, He told Peter to take the boat into deeper water.



Picture 3: Jesus talking to Peter and the fishermen

Jesus said to Peter, “Let down the nets so you can catch some fish.”

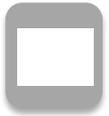
Peter answered and said, “We’ve been fishing all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

Peter and the fishermen probably thought there was no way they’d get any fish. After all, they had already been fishing for a long time without catching a single fish. But down the nets went!



Picture 4: Two boats pulling in full fishing nets

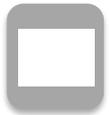
As the nets went in the water, something incredible happened. Peter’s nets filled up with fish! There were so many fish, that the nets actually started to break. Another boat of fishermen came to help Peter’s boat. *Can you pretend you’re pulling a net full of fish into your boat?* Soon both boats were overflowing with fish! Peter and the fishermen were amazed by this miracle Jesus performed. They knew that Jesus was someone special.



Picture 5: Peter and disciples following Jesus with fishing boats behind them

Then Jesus said, “From now on you will fish for people.” This might have sounded strange, but Jesus meant that Peter and these fishermen would have new jobs. Their new jobs would be to help other people learn about God’s love for them!

Peter and the other fishermen dropped their nets. They walked away from their boats to follow Jesus—right then and there! Peter decided to follow Jesus, and he became one of Jesus’ closest friends while He was here on earth!



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Great listening, Kid-Os! Even, Jesus, God’s own Son, had friends while He was here on earth. We can all be friends with Jesus, and Jesus wants us to have other friends too! Jesus can help us learn how to be a good friend. That reminds me of our Big Idea!



Big Idea Bugle

It's the Big Idea Bugle! Let's say our Big Idea together! THE BIG IDEA. I CAN BE A FRIEND!

Great job! Our memory verse is about being a friend, too.

## Memory Verse

3:00



Memory Verse Jingle



*(Auto-advance)* Memory Verse: Proverbs 17:17 - A friend loves at all times.

It's time to learn a new Memory Verse! Our Memory Verses here in Kid-O-Deo comes from the Bible.

**Do This:** Read the verse from the screen.

Our new Memory Verse means that we can be a friend to others by showing that we love and care about them!

**Do This:** Practice the verse with the Kid-Os three times. You can start in your quiet/whisper voice and then get a little louder each time you practice.

**Know This:** The verse with actions goes like this: (Open your Bibles) Proverbs 17:17 (Arms crossed over chest with palms closed) A friend loves (hands out in front of you with palms up, then move hands out to your sides) at all times.

Super job practicing your Memory Verse, Kid-Os!

## Worship

3:00

Everyone stay standing because we are going to sing another song together. Let's shout out about how much we love Jesus, the best friend of all!



Song 2: Shout



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Awesome singing, everyone! You can sit down.



Big Idea Bugle

Did you hear that? It's our Big Idea Bugle again! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN BE A FRIEND!

Great job, everyone. Now it's time try out what we've been learning today.



Try it Out Jingle

We are going to check in with a friend now named Brandon. He's going to help us try out what we've learned today—and help us get closer to meeting our new forest animal friend! Take a look at the screen.



Try It Out Media

**Know This:** Brandon may ask questions and expect the Kid-Os to respond. Respond with them to any questions he asks!



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See you later, Brandon! You did an awesome job answering Brandon's questions and learning more about being a friend! When we help, share, and are kind to others, we are being good friends. Every one of us can be good friends and family members by loving others. I think it's almost time to meet our new forest friend, but there is one more thing we need to do first.



Big Idea Bugle

We need to say our Big Idea together one more time! Ready? THE BIG IDEA. I CAN BE A FRIEND. Nice job! Now we get to meet our new friend...



Waddles the Duck



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It's Waddles the Duck! Way to go Kid-Os! I'm so excited to keep learning with you, our forest friends, and our new friend Waddles this year.

## Kid-O-Whampus

2:00

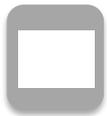
Let's celebrate meeting our new friend by going Kid-O-Whampus! Kid-O-Whampus is a fun, silly game we do together every week in Kid-O-Deo, where we all dance, jump, and play a game together!



Kid-O-Whampus: Balloon Blow Up

## Prayer

2:00



(Auto-Advance) "Take-Homes"

That was a super fun Kid-O-Whampus! You can all sit down.

**Do This:** Show kids the *Forest Friends* book, Family Connection Card, and the Memory Verse Card.

We have some awesome things that you are going to get when you leave today! You'll get this card that talks about what we learn each week here in Kid-O-Deo, and it has a fun game you can play on the back. You'll also get a Memory Verse Card. This card helps you practice the Memory Verse at home so when you come back next time, you can say it to a leader and get a prize! Then, you'll also get your very own book to take home. It's about our friends, Tweet the Bird and Waddles the Duck!

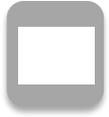


"Let's Pray"

Now it's time for us to talk to God together. When we talk to God, it's called praying! God loves you, and He loves when you pray to Him. We'll put our hands in our laps

and close our eyes to help us focus on what we're saying to God. If you want to, you can repeat this prayer after me.

Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to be good friends to others. Amen.



Kid-O-Deo Slide

It's been awesome being here with you, Kid-Os. Now it's time for you to go back to your rooms where you will get into groups with your leader and other Kid-Os, have a snack, and do a fun activity. Have a great group time!