



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Pencil, two pieces of paper.

1. Getting Started

Encourage kids to discuss this question: What's something exciting happening this week?

2. Discussion Questions

- What are some ways you could make new friends? (School, neighbors, at church.)
- What are some things a good friend does?

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: Proverbs 13:20. This verse is a wise saying about friends. It says that wise friends can make us wise, and foolish friends can get us in trouble.

Do This: Show kids a pencil and two pieces of paper. Rub the pencil on one of the pieces of paper, making a large spot covered in graphite. Then, rub the two pieces of paper together.

Discuss: Have you ever heard someone say that friends "rub off" on you? What do you think that means? (The way our friends act, and the things they say, changes the way we act, and the things we say.)

The Point: We are like those pieces of paper. When they were close together, the pencil marks from one rubbed off on the other. The people we spend time with "rub off" on us, too. If they say mean things, or do things we know are wrong, we might start to do those things, too. If our friends do right things, and are kind, we might do that more, too.

Discuss: What could you do if one of your friends wants to do something you know is wrong? (Ask to do something else, walk away, let an adult know.)

4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: What was the best part of your week? What was something tough that happened this week?

Do This: Pray with the kids.