



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Paper, markers.

1. Getting Started

Encourage kids to discuss this question: How do you make friends with someone?

2. Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Gabby is feeling so upset? (No one is paying attention to her.)
- What do you think someone could do to help Gabby? (Listen to her, take time to read her article.)
- Who are some people we could make time to listen to? (Our friends, siblings, parents.)

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: James 1:19. This verse is advice about when to talk, and when to listen.

Discuss: What do you think James means when he writes "Be quick to listen?" (Listen to people first, before you talk. Ask questions to others, instead of just telling them how much you know.)

Do This: Challenge everyone to draw a zoo in one minute. Make sure the kids have markers and paper to work with. Give them one minute to draw their zoo. Then, tell them to draw another zoo, but this time, they only have ten seconds. Count down from ten, when you hit zero, they have to stop drawing.

Ask: Which zoo is better? (Probably the one you spent more time drawing.)

The Point: Some things take time. To be good friends and family members, and show other people that we care, it's important for us to make time for them. Make time to listen, remember what's important to them, and do things that they enjoy, even if they're not our favorite.

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.