

LEADER'S GUIDE

OLDER CHILDREN AND PRETEENS

BIG PICTURE:

PROVERBS

BIG IDEA:

WALK ON THE WISE SIDE

BIG POINT:

WE ARE WISE WHEN WE BUILD GREAT FRIENDSHIPS

BIG WORD:

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART; DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, AND HE WILL SHOW YOU WHICH PATH TO TAKE."

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NLT)

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PROVERBS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Know that we are wise when we build great friendships.
- Learn from king Solomon who made some good and some bad friendships.
- Discover that when we walk with the wise, we become wise.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Name the friend of each of these well known characters:

Batman - Robin, Spongebob Square pants - Patrick the starfish,
Dora the Explorer - Boots, Nemo - Dory.

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. Why is it important to build great friendships?

A great friendship doesn't just happen by accident. You need to build great friendships with the right people. We become like the people we spend the most time with. We become like them in values, beliefs and manner. Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) "Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces." Who we surround ourselves with is one of the most important decisions we can make.

2. What happened when king Solomon made some bad friendships?

God had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods. He didn't keep the Lord's command and married many women who worshipped statues instead of the one true God. Solomon's heart turned away from God and his wives led him astray. 1 Kings 11:4 (NIV) "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been."

3. How can we build great friendships?

We can be a good friend to others by being a friend to their future. A good friend is a friend in the tough times and the good times. A good friend is kind, encouraging and helpful. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV) "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up". 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) "Encourage one another and build each other up". You can either build a friendship with wisdom or tear it down by ignoring the wisdom found in God's Word. God's Word gives us wisdom for life. We are wise when we build great friendships, brick by brick on a solid foundation.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To help the children discover ways to build great friendships.

Directions: Give each child a 'Friendship Goals' page printed from the print material files. Encourage them to think about their friends and what they could do to build a great friendship. Children can add the name of a friend next to each item on the list. Then get started at building some great friendships!

Explanation: A great friendship doesn't just happen by accident. You need to build a great friendship. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) "Encourage one another and build each other up". You can either build a friendship with wisdom or tear it down by ignoring the wisdom found in God's Word. God's Word gives us wisdom for life. We are wise when we build great friendships, brick by brick on a solid foundation.

BIG WORD

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Write the Big Word on a large sheet of paper. Say the Big Word aloud together a number of times then tear a section of the paper off and say the Big Word again. Keep tearing off sections and repeating the verse until the children can say the verse without any words left to read.

GAME

Carry Tag.

Play a game of Tag with a twist. The person that is 'it' can only tag the person who is holding the object. The players are always trying to pass the object to someone else to avoid themselves being tagged. If a player carrying the object is tagged, they pass the object to the person who tagged them and they are now 'it'. After counting to four, the new 'it' begins the chase again. If any player drops the object, they instantly become 'it'.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that Your word gives us wisdom for our life. Help us to build good friendships with people who are a friend to our future.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

'Friendship Goals' page printed for each child from the print material files. Pencils, markers.

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Large sheet of paper, marker.

Supplies Needed:

An object for players to carry such as a shoe or a ball.

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YOUR NAME

BIBLE STUDY

GRAB YOUR BIBLE AND FIND A QUIET SPACE, LET'S DISCOVER WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY..

BIBLE PASSAGES TO CHOOSE FROM: 1 Kings 4:1-5:12, 1 Kings 11:3-4, Proverbs 8:4-11, Proverbs 9:13-17, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 27:17, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, John 15:13, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11

TODAY I READ: _____

IT WAS ALL ABOUT: _____

I LEARNT THAT: _____

MY PRAYER: _____

PRAISE REPORT! Write something that you're thankful to God for this week:

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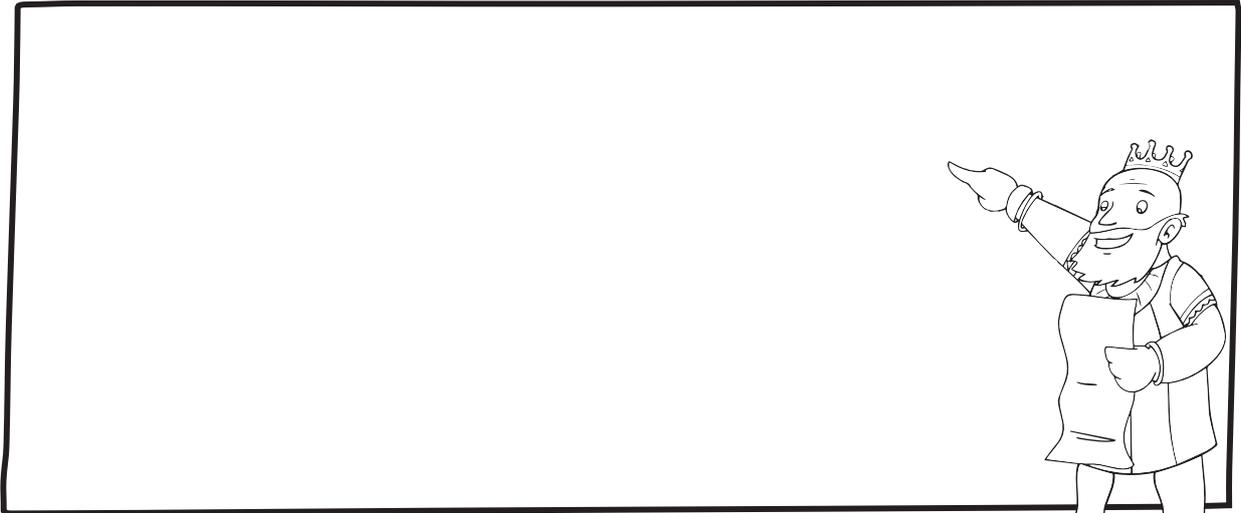
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DRAW THE TEMPLE THAT SOLOMON BUILT



READ THREE PROVERBS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND WRITE THEM HERE

PROVERBS 17:17

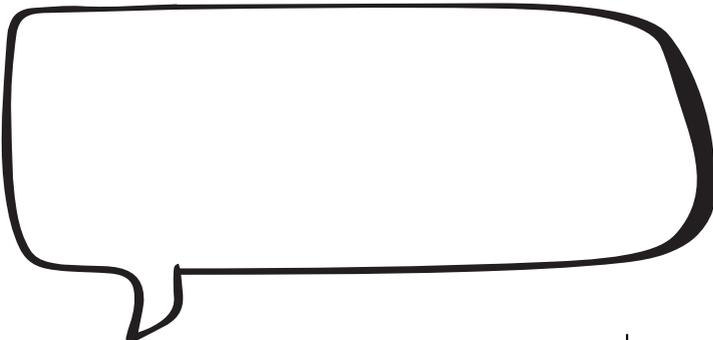
PROVERBS 13:20

PROVERBS 27:17

Three sets of horizontal lines for writing the proverbs, one set under each heading.

WRITE A TEXT MESSAGE THAT BUILDS A GOOD FRIENDSHIP

WRITE SOME WORDS THAT DESCRIBE A GOOD FRIEND



BIG POINT
TODAY I LEARNT...

PARENTS!

Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!

1. What makes someone a good friend?
2. What did you learn today about friendship?
3. Who can you be a good friend to?

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