

Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.

DAY 1

Read I Thessalonians 5:11

Tower Build Take One

Grab some plastic cups and build the tallest tower you can! Take a moment to admire your work and then knock that tower down. Leave those cups where they are, you'll come back to them in just a minute!

When it comes to friendship, God reminds us that it's important to encourage each other, to build each other up! When you are having a bad day, a kind word from a friend can help turn things around. When a friend is discouraged, something you say can help them remember they are valued and loved!

Good friends pay attention and encourage each other! And part of building others up is standing up for them. Sometimes, you might need to defend a friend who is being picked on. You might need to stand up for someone when others are being unkind or when that friend is being ignored!

Tower Build Take two

Let's make our tower stand up stronger! Grab some paper. Set two cups on a hard surface side by side, then stack a piece of paper on top. Continue in the same way, adding paper in between the cups to make the tower more stable. Remember, this week to build others up because friends stand up for one another!

DAY 2

Read Romans 12:10

Multiple Choice Love

Circle the response that shows LOVE in the scenarios below.

Your friend is sitting alone at recess.

- A. You ignore it and keep playing.
- B. You ask what's wrong and then listen when she's ready to talk.
- C. You tell your friend to stop acting so quiet and weird.

Your friend misses the shot and you lose the game.

- A. You say, "It's okay. We'll get 'em next time!"
- B. You say, "What was that? I can't believe you missed such an easy shot!"
- C. You start talking about what a bad player your friend is to the rest of the team.

The questions were easy! When it comes to real life friendships, the choices aren't always so clear. When others are laughing, you might join in. When others are picking on someone, you might feel like staying out of it. But good friends stand up for one another!

Ask God to help you honor others by standing up for friends that need your help this week.