

Jonathan

Trigger

Skit On True Friendship

Material

- Skit document ([POTF attachment](#))

Steps

1. Before class, read the skit and practice with 2 other adults to play it properly.
2. Introduce the skit to the kids.
3. Following the skit, discuss with the children what true friendship is.



Key Verse

Proverbs 17:17

Multimedia & Clips

Images

freebibleimages.org

Clip-YouTube

1. God's People: David and Jonathan
2. Slapstick Theater (Jonathan and David)
3. 26 1 Samuel 20 David and Jonathan Lesson Video

Object Lesson

Flowers

Material

- A flower planted in a pot (a drawing if you don't have flowers in a pot on hand)





Steps

1. Do the following object lesson.
 1. Today I brought this flower. As you know, there are different kinds of flowers. Each one is special and unique. Friendship is like this flower. I have to take care of it, give it a drink so it doesn't dry out, so it can grow up healthy. If I keep it in this pot, it'll live longer.
 2. The Bible says that if we want a friend, we must behave as a friend, that is, treat our friend as we want him to treat us: with love, with understanding, by listening to him, by being attentive to his needs, by accepting him as he is and not as we want it to be (adjust the soil, clean the leaves while you talk about it).
 3. But at the same time, if we see that our friend is doing wrong, we must also urge him, that is, to tell him that what he is doing is not right, with patience and love (remove the dried leaves and garbage that is in the pot).

Songs

www.youtube.com

- I Have Decided
- Give it Away

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

Jonathan was a very good friend, the best. He was David's friend. In good times and bad, he stayed there for David.

It's not always easy to find good friends who will be loyal and who will remain your friends at all times. Unfortunately, sometimes our friends hurt us, they leave us for other friends and they speak badly of us and when it happens, wow! It hurts! In these moments, we need to take refuge in the Father's arms and ask for his help to forgive. And the Father loves us so much that he doesn't leave us alone. The Bible tells us that Jesus is our friend, and not just any friend, he is the most faithful of friends you have ever had. Besides, Jesus understands what you're going through. Do not forget that he walked on the earth, that he too had friends, that he too was betrayed by his friend, Judah. He understands the challenge you face every day with your friends. Tell him about your friendships, open your heart and let him help you. And if you are hurt by the behavior of some friends, let the love of the Father come to heal your heart. He also knows how kind friends can be. Having friends is important and Jesus had plenty of them. Tell him what you're doing with your friends. Share your joy with him.

Discussion time

Ask: What do you think a good friend is?

Share about friendship with children.

Application

Before cell phones and computers, we used to write letters to each other. Now people are talking to each other over the internet.

This morning, we're going to pretend we're living in a country where the internet doesn't exist. We're going to make a card to someone we love, a friend, and we're going to give it to him. In this card, you have to write to him or her what you like about him or her, and thank him for being your friend.

Craft

Bag Of Friendship

Material

- Coins
- Ball
- Candy
- Coloured pencil
- Smiling emoticon
- Piece of puzzle
- Handkerchief
- Small plastic bags
- Label with the meaning of objects



Steps

1. Place the various objects on the table.
2. Distribute 1 plastic bag to each child and a label with the meaning of the objects.
3. Tell the children to prepare a bag of friendship that they will offer to the friend of their choice. To do this, tell them to put all the objects in a small bag and stick the label with the phrases that relate to the objects.
 - Coins: You have great value
 - Ball: I have a lot of fun playing with you
 - Candy: It's good to be with you
 - Colour Pencil: You color my life
 - Smile Emoticon: You make me Happy
 - Piece of puzzle: You are an important part of my life
 - Handkerchief: I'll always be there to dry your tears

Activity

What Kind Of Friend Are You?

Material

- Quiz ([attachment](#)) (1 per child)

Steps

1. Print the quiz one per child.
2. Ask the children to complete this little friendship quiz. Older children like them.
3. Then let them think about what kind of friends they are.



Physical Activity

Have You Seen My Friend

Material

- None

Steps

1. This is the same as the cat and mouse game.
2. Ask the children to sit in a circle.
3. Ask a player to stay out of the circle
4. This player must then ask: "Have you seen my friend?" and describes another player who is sitting in the circle (hair color, eyes, clothes, etc.).
5. Then when the child described recognizes himself, he must run after the player who described him until he is seated in the place where he was.
6. If the player who described the child is touched, he will sit in the center of the circle. To be delivered, another child must complete two complete rounds without being touched.
7. It is now the turn of this child (the one described) to describe a child.



Snack

Snack Of Friendship

Material

- Several kinds of cereals
- Several small snacks: marshmallows, pretzels, raisins, etc.
- Small plastic bags (ziploc)
- Bowls



Steps

1. Put cereal and snacks in various bowls on the table.
2. Give each child 1 plastic bag.
3. Ask the children to fill their bags with the snacks that are on the table.
4. If they are hesitant, tell them that like cereals and small snacks, we are all different and when we get together we form a great combination.
5. Then it will be the tasting!