

# BEING A GOOD FRIEND

This month we are learning what it means to be a good friend. Friendship is a wonderful gift from God, but we must choose our friends wisely. We must also treat our friends with the kindness and gentleness that God has shown us, even when we argue or disagree with them.



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Read this story from 1 Samuel 20 about the friendship between David and Jonathan.

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1 SAMUEL 19 – 20

After David had run away and escaped, he went to Samuel at Ramah. He told him everything Saul had done to him. Then David and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there. Saul was told, "David is in Naioth at Ramah." So Saul sent some men to capture him. When they got there, they saw a group of prophets who were prophesying. Samuel was standing there as their leader. Then the Spirit of God came on Saul's men. So they also began to prophesy. Saul was told about it. So he sent some more men. They began to prophesy too. Saul sent some men a third time. And they also began to prophesy. Finally, Saul decided to go to Ramah himself. He went to the large well at Seku. He asked some people, "Where are Samuel and David?"

"Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said.

So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God even came on him. He walked along and prophesied until he came to Naioth. There he took off his clothes. Then he also prophesied in front of Samuel. He lay there without his clothes on all that day and night. That's why people say, "Is Saul also one of the prophets?"

### David and Jonathan

1 SAMUEL 20

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**D**avid was in Naioth at Ramah. He ran away from there to where Jonathan was. He asked him, "What have I done? What crime have I committed? I haven't done anything to harm your father. So why is he trying to kill me?"

"That will never happen!" Jonathan replied. "You aren't going to die! My father doesn't do anything at all without letting me know. So why would he hide this from me? He isn't going to kill you!"

But David strongly disagreed. He said, "Your father knows very well that you are pleased with me. He has said to himself, 'I don't want Jonathan to know I'm planning to kill David. If he finds out, he'll be very sad.' But I'm very close to being killed. And that's just as sure as the LORD and you are alive."

Jonathan said to David, "I'll do anything you want me to do for you."

So David said, "Tomorrow is the time for the New Moon feast. I'm supposed to eat with the king. But let me go and hide in the field. I'll stay there until the evening of the day after tomorrow. Your father might miss me. If he does, then tell him, 'David begged me to let him hurry home to Bethlehem. A yearly sacrifice is being offered there for his whole family group.' Your father might say, 'That's all right.' If he does, it will mean I'm safe. But he might become very angry. If he does, you can be sure he's made up his mind to harm me. Please be kind to me. You have made a covenant with me in front of the LORD. If I'm guilty, kill me yourself! Don't hand me over to your father!"

"I would never do that!" Jonathan said. "Suppose I had even the smallest clue that my father had made up his mind to harm you. Then I would tell you."

David asked, "Who will tell me if your father answers you in a mean way?"

"Come on," Jonathan said. "Let's go out to the field." So they went there together.

Then Jonathan spoke to David. He said, "I promise you that I'll find out what my father is planning to do. I'll find out by this time the day after tomorrow. The LORD, the God of Israel, is my witness. Suppose my father has kind feelings toward you. Then I'll send you a message and let you know. But suppose he wants to harm you. And I don't let you know about it. Suppose I don't help you get away in peace. Then may the LORD punish me greatly. May he be with you, just as he has been with my father. But always be kind to me, just as the LORD is. Be kind to me as long



David and Jonathan Are Good Friends

as I live. Then I won't be killed. And never stop being kind to my family. Don't stop even when the LORD has cut off every one of your enemies from the face of the earth."

So Jonathan made a covenant of friendship with David and his family. He said, "May the LORD hold David's enemies responsible for what they've done." Jonathan had David promise his friendship again because he loved him. In fact, Jonathan loved David just as he loved himself.

Then Jonathan said to David, "Tomorrow is the time for the New Moon feast. You will be missed, because your seat at the table will be empty. Go to the place where you hid when all this trouble began. Go there the day after tomorrow, when evening is approaching. There's a stone out there called Ezel. Wait by it. I'll shoot three arrows to one side of the stone. I'll pretend I'm practicing my shooting. Then I'll send a boy out there. I'll tell him, 'Go and find the arrows.' Suppose I say to him, 'The arrows are on this side of you. Bring them here.' Then come. That will mean you are safe. You won't be in any danger. And that's just as sure as the LORD is alive. But suppose I tell the boy, 'The arrows are far beyond you.' Then go. That will mean the LORD is sending you away. And remember what we talked about. Remember that the LORD is a witness between you and me forever."

So David hid in the field. When the time for the New Moon feast came, the king sat down to eat. He sat in his usual place by the wall. Jonathan sat across from him. Abner sat next to Saul. But David's place was empty. Saul didn't say anything that day. He said to himself, "Something must have happened to David to make him 'unclean.' That must be why he isn't here." But the next day, David's place was empty again. It was the second day of the month. Finally, Saul spoke to his son Jonathan. He said, "Why hasn't the son of Jesse come to the meal? He hasn't been here yesterday or today."

Jonathan replied, "David begged me to let him go to Bethlehem. He said, 'Let me go. Our family is offering a sacrifice in the town. My brother has ordered me to be there. Are you pleased with me? If you are, let me go and see my brothers.' That's why he hasn't come to eat at your table."

Saul became very angry with Jonathan. He said to him, "You are an evil son. You have refused to obey me. I know that you are on the side of Jesse's son. You should be ashamed of that. And your mother should be ashamed of having a son like you. You will never be king as long as Jesse's son lives on this earth. And you will never have a kingdom either. So send someone to bring the son of Jesse to me. He must die!"

"Why do you want to put him to death?" Jonathan asked his father. "What has he done?" But Saul threw his spear at Jonathan to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father wanted to kill David.

So Jonathan got up from the table. He was very angry. On that second day of the feast, he refused to eat. He was very sad that his father was treating David so badly.

The next morning Jonathan went out to the field to meet David. He took a young boy with him. He said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows I shoot." As the boy ran, Jonathan shot an arrow far beyond him. The boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen. Then Jonathan shouted to him, "The arrow went far beyond you, didn't it?" He continued, "Hurry up! Run fast! Don't stop!" The boy picked up the arrow and returned to his master. The boy didn't know what was going on. Only Jonathan and David knew. Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy. He told him, "Go back to town. Take the weapons with you."

After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone. He bowed down in front of Jonathan with his face to the ground. He did it three times. Then they kissed each other and cried. But David cried more than Jonathan did.

Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace. In the name of the LORD we've promised to be friends. We have said, 'The LORD is a witness between you and me. He's a witness between your children and my children forever.'" Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

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## David at Nob

1 SAMUEL 21:1-9

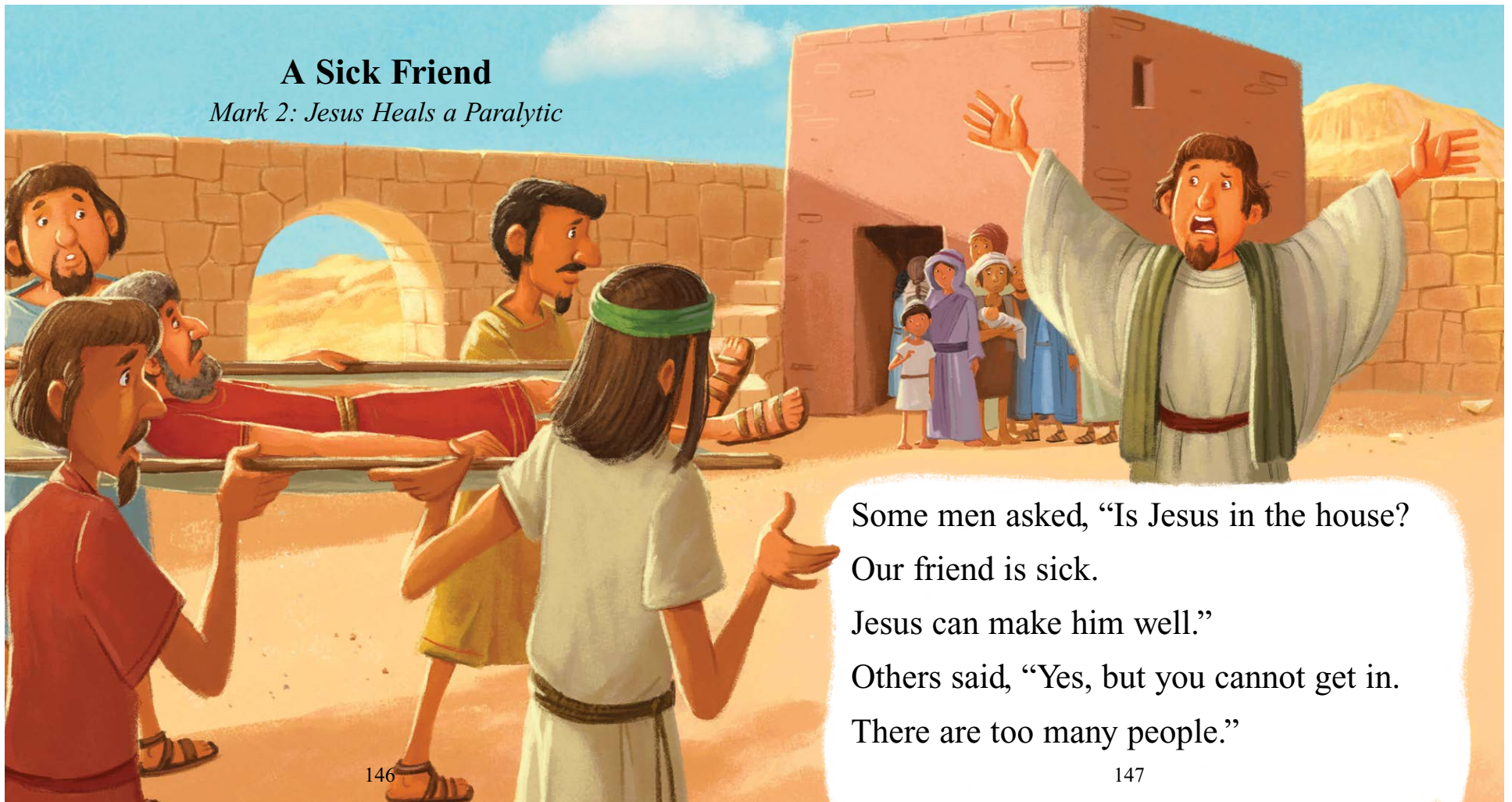
David went to Ahimelek the priest at Nob. Ahimelek trembled with fear when he met him. He asked David, "Why are you alone? Why isn't anyone with you?" David answered Ahimelek the priest, "The king gave me a special job to do. He said to me, 'I don't want anyone to know what I'm sending you to do. So don't say anything about it.' I've told my men to meet me at a certain place. Do you have anything for us to eat? Give me five loaves of bread, or anything else you can find."

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This story tells about some men who wanted Jesus to help their friend so badly that they lowered him through a roof to see the Messiah.

## A Sick Friend

*Mark 2: Jesus Heals a Paralytic*



Some men asked, “Is Jesus in the house?  
Our friend is sick.

Jesus can make him well.”

Others said, “Yes, but you cannot get in.

There are too many people.”



There were many people in the house.  
 The men could not get close to Jesus.  
 They said, “We will go  
 in another way.”

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So they put their friend down a hole  
 in the roof.  
 They said to Jesus, “Please, help  
 our friend. He is sick.”

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Jesus was happy to help their sick friend.  
He said, “Get up, you are well.”

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The man got up.  
He was cured.  
The man and his friends were happy.  
They said, “Thank you! Thank you!”

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Friends are so much fun to spend time with, but we won't agree with them about everything. This devotional talks about how we should act when friends have arguments.

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<sup>7</sup> Be still and wait patiently for the LORD to act.  
 Don't be upset when other people succeed.  
 Don't be upset when they carry out their evil plans.

<sup>8</sup> Turn away from anger and don't give in to wrath.  
 Don't be upset, because that only leads to evil.

<sup>9</sup> Sinful people will be destroyed.  
 But those who put their hope in the LORD will receive the land.

<sup>10</sup> In a little while, there won't be any more sinners.  
 Even if you look for them, you won't be able to find them.

<sup>11</sup> But those who are free of pride will be given the land.  
 They will enjoy peace and success.

<sup>12</sup> Sinful people make plans to harm those who do what is right.  
 They grind their teeth at them.

<sup>13</sup> But the Lord laughs at those who do evil.  
 He knows the day is coming when he will judge them.

<sup>14</sup> Sinners pull out their swords.  
 They bend their bows.

They want to kill poor and needy people.  
 They plan to murder those who lead honest lives.

<sup>15</sup> But they will be killed by their own swords.  
 Their own bows will be broken.

<sup>16</sup> Those who do what is right may have very little.  
 But it's better than the wealth of many sinners.

<sup>17</sup> The power of those who are evil will be broken.  
 But the LORD takes good care of those who do what is right.

<sup>18</sup> Those who are without blame spend their days in the LORD's care.  
 What he has given them will last forever.

<sup>19</sup> When trouble comes to them, they will have what they need.  
 When there is little food in the land, they will still have plenty.

<sup>20</sup> But sinful people will die.  
 The LORD's enemies may be like flowers in the field.  
 But they will be swallowed up.  
 They will disappear like smoke.

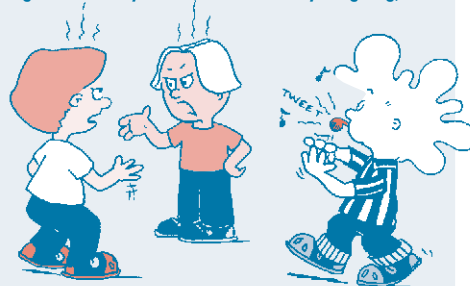
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**WHY CAN'T FRIENDS JUST GET ALONG INSTEAD OF FIGHTING AND ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER?**

You'd think that friends would get along great all the time, but conflicts happen because everyone has ups and downs, and sometimes a friend is just in a bad mood. No two people agree on everything all the time. When people disagree, they should talk it through and work together to solve the problem instead of fighting about it. If your friends are always arguing, you can be a good example and help them resolve the issue. You can also set a good example for your friends by hanging out with kids who get along.



**CHECKOUT**  
 Psalm 37:8



Sometimes our friends are hurting or need our help. This devotional teaches us how to be a good friend to those who need us, even when it makes us uncomfortable.

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## Putting Yourself Out

Clara hated the hospital smell, but as she walked down the hall, the nurses waved at her. Clara waved back.

### Words to Treasure

But always be kind to me, just as the LORD is. Be kind to me as long as I live.

1 Samuel 20:14

Every day after school, her mom dropped her off at the hospital to visit her best friend, Becky. Becky had been very sick for weeks and weeks. But every day Clara came to cheer her up with get-well notes and other things from school. Clara had even dropped out of swimming so she could visit every day.

She made sure she had a smile on before she entered the room. “Becky! You wouldn’t believe what happened today at lunch—a food fight!” Becky sat up in bed waiting for the news. Becky’s mom gave Clara a smile as she left to give the girls some friend time.

Sometimes being a good friend means being there for that person when things are hard. Friendship isn’t a someday thing; it is an everyday thing—no matter what. To have good friends you also have to be a good friend.



Prince Jonathan was best friends with David. You could say their friendship was legendary. Jonathan’s father King Saul became *extremely* jealous of David and tried to kill him. But Jonathan managed to love both his dad and his friend and keep them apart. Cool friend, cool story—check it out in 1 Samuel 19–20.



This devotional is from Proverbs 17:9, and it teaches us why we shouldn't say bad things about others.

Proverbs 17

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- Anyone who is happy when others suffer will be punished.
- <sup>6</sup>Grandchildren are like a crown to older people.  
And children are proud of their parents.
- <sup>7</sup>It isn't proper for foolish people to brag.  
And it certainly isn't proper for rulers to tell lies!
- <sup>8</sup>Money buys favors for those who give it.  
No matter where they turn, they succeed.
- <sup>9</sup>Those who erase a sin by forgiving it show love.  
But those who talk about it come between close friends.
- <sup>10</sup>A person who understands what is right learns more from just a warning than a foolish person learns from 100 strokes with a whip.
- <sup>11</sup>An evil person never wants to obey.  
An official who shows no mercy will be sent against him.
- <sup>12</sup>It is better to meet a bear whose cubs have been stolen than to meet a foolish person who is acting foolishly.
- <sup>13</sup>Evil will never leave the house of anyone who pays back evil for good.
- <sup>14</sup>Starting to argue is like making a crack in a dam.  
So drop the matter before a fight breaks out.
- <sup>15</sup>The LORD hates two things.  
He hates it when the guilty are set free.  
He also hates it when those who aren't guilty are punished.
- <sup>16</sup>What good is money in the hands of a foolish person?  
He doesn't want to become wise.
- <sup>17</sup>A friend loves at all times.  
He is there to help when trouble comes.
- <sup>18</sup>A man who has little sense agrees to pay what other people owe.  
It isn't wise to put up money for others.
- <sup>19</sup>The one who loves to argue loves to sin.  
The one who builds a high gate is just asking to be destroyed.
- <sup>20</sup>If your heart is twisted, you won't succeed.  
If your tongue tells lies, you will get into trouble.
- <sup>21</sup>It is sad to have a foolish child.  
The parents of a foolish person have no joy.
- <sup>22</sup>A cheerful heart makes you healthy.  
But a broken spirit dries you up.
- <sup>23</sup>Anyone who does wrong accepts favors in secret.  
Then he turns what is right into wrong.
- <sup>24</sup>Anyone who understands what is right keeps wisdom in view.  
But the eyes of a foolish person look everywhere else.

**Talking About Others**

Did a friend ever talk about you behind your back? Did this person say something bad about you to someone else? It hurts when that happens. Proverbs 16:28 says that talking about others can break up friends.

Here's a way to save a friendship. Read Proverbs 17:9. It says you can "erase a sin by forgiving it." That means you should only say something good about someone else. You should forget the bad things. Try that when you hear someone talk about other people. Don't listen to the bad. Don't pass those words along. You'll help save a friendship. And your friends will be able to trust you too.

**Live It!**

Proverbs 17:9



This coloring page helps us see what kindness and friendship look like.




**Jesus Talks about Kindness: Luke 14:1-14**

Key Verse: Always try to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:15

It is easy to be friends with those who are happy and fun to be around, but Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone. That can be difficult to do, but the Holy Spirit helps us show God’s love to everyone. This section includes a devotional and activities to help us understand what it might look like to love everyone around us.




PHILEMON

**Week 52, Day 1**

## Read About It

God wants believers to accept one another just as he has accepted us.




Maybe you have a brother or sister. Or maybe you have a friend that is as close as a brother or a sister. There are probably a lot of ways you are different from them. They might look different than you. They might live in a different part of town. They might be stronger or weaker than you. But you don't spend a lot of time thinking about the differences. You know that the differences aren't as important as what you have in common.

That's what the apostle Paul is saying to Philemon in this letter. Philemon had a slave whose name was Onesimus. In those days, some people thought that owning slaves was okay. But Jesus changed all of that! Philemon had become a Christian. And so had Onesimus. Paul told Philemon that he shouldn't think of Onesimus as his slave anymore. Instead, he should think of Onesimus as his brother! Can you imagine that? Even people who were as different as that could now be brothers! They could be brothers because they both believed in Jesus.

God loved us so much that he sent Jesus to be our brother. And now he wants all believers to treat each other as brothers and sisters as well. If God was willing to do that, then we should be too!

Who is easy to think of as a brother or sister? Who do you have trouble thinking of as a brother or sister? What can you do about that?

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**PHILEMON**

**Week 52, Day 2**

**Think About It**

Sometimes we focus too much on the differences between us. Then we don't see what is the same. All sorts of people believe in Jesus Christ. They can seem very different from one another. But they have the most important thing in common. They believe in Jesus Christ! That means they are brothers and sisters in the kingdom of God. Brothers and sisters can have a lot of differences. But those differences aren't more important than what they have in common.

Each pair of things below seems very different. But they have many things in common too. For each pair, think of at least five things they have in common. Write them on the lines.

- 1. An elephant and a mouse

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- 2. A pen and a pencil

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- 3. Cheese and peanut butter

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- 4. A table and a chair

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- 5. A door and a window

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PHILEMON

Week 52, Day 3

Finding Jesus in Philemon

Can you imagine any greater difference than the difference between God and us? God is the most powerful. He knows everything. He is perfectly good. That's not like us at all! But God became a human being named Jesus. He did that so he could become our brother. Isn't that amazing! Here's how the author of the book of Hebrews describes it in 2:11

And Jesus, who makes people holy, and the people he makes holy belong to the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

So what the apostle Paul is asking Philemon to do is just what Jesus does! Philemon should be able to call Onesimus his brother.

And what's true for Philemon is true for us. We should be able to call any believer our brother and sister too! Sure, there will be a lot of differences between us. But we have the most important thing in common. We all believe in Jesus for our salvation.

Joinme wants you to accept the family of God. Paul wants Philemon to accept Onesimus. Below, write the names of some people whom you can accept like that.

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Week 52, Day 4

# Write About It

PHILEMON

God became a human being to have a relationship with us. He wants us to be his brothers and sisters. Just imagine! The creator of heaven and earth wants to have that relationship with you! How does it make you feel? Write your thoughts below.

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Do you think of other believers as your brothers and sisters? What if they act differently than you? What if they don't look like you? Think about this and write your thoughts here.

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**PHILEMON**

**Week 52, Day 5**  
**Pray About It**

Dear God,  
 Your love for me is amazing! I am so different from you.  
 But you became a human being to have a relationship with  
 me. Now I can call Jesus my brother. Please help me think  
 about other believers the way you think about me. Help me  
 to think of them as my brothers and sisters. Please help me  
 to do that no matter how different they are from me. I ask you  
 to help me with this because I believe in Jesus.  
 Amen.

Read Philemon 6 in your NIRV Bible. This verse is a good reminder  
 from the apostle Paul. Write out the verse in the space below. What  
 word does Paul use twice? That word will help you when thinking  
 about other believers. (Hint: it has 5 letters.)

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Week 52, Day 6

# Do Something About It

PHILEMON

Onesimus was Philemon's slave. People didn't respect slaves at all. They believed slaves should serve their masters. That's the way Philemon had been taught to think of Onesimus. But Philemon had become a believer. And so had Onesimus. Now things were totally different. That's because God considers believers in Jesus to be brothers and sisters.

Maybe you know someone who doesn't seem to fit in. But if they believe in Jesus, they are your brother or sister. They are children of God just like you are. You can do something about what you've learned from this book of the Bible. You can encourage that person who doesn't seem to fit in. Let them know that you consider them a brother or sister. Help them to fit into the group. Be a good brother or sister to them. Then you'll be doing for them what Jesus has done for you! Think about how you will do this. Then write your plan below.

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Jesus taught us what it looks like to be a good friend by loving others.  
This activity helps us discover new ways to show love to our family and friends.

## LOVE IN ACTION

### STUFF YOU NEED:

- Flipchart with easel, or paper
- Dry-erase or regular markers
- Love in Action worksheet (one per child)
- Pens or pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Explain that reading about love or talking about love is not the same as showing love. In this activity, we are going to brainstorm ways we can show love to people.
2. Write on the flip chart or paper as the family brainstorms general ideas of ways to show people love.
3. Give each child a copy of the Love in Action worksheet and a pen or pencil.
4. Ask each child to think of one specific person they would like to show love to. It could be anyone in their life, such as a family member, classmate, or friend.
5. Give each student a few minutes to write their specific person's name on their paper and then jot down five ways to show that person love.
6. Encourage the children to put their plans of love into action.

Print this sheet for each child to write how they will show God's love to their friends and family.

### Love in Action

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to show love to \_\_\_\_\_ by doing these five things:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_
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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' closest friends and followers were called his disciples. Here is a fun word search to learn more about the twelve men who followed Jesus.

**JESUS'S DISCIPLES**

Can you find all the words in this word search?

T H F W M Z A A F N I W Q Y R P W W X  
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 O F O S A D U J S N V K M D T D L I C  
 C O W M R Y J O H N B R A X C S B S M  
 Y L B E A Y S P E A J J T R E T F H G  
 D L W R R S H Y R G I C T P L U N E Q  
 K O L F I I H T S V X Q H G L D T R F  
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 W Y S E L P I C S I D A S B A E V C E  
 Z U S U E A D D A H T L T K M J W J S

Andrew  
 apostles  
 Bartholomew  
 disciples  
 fishermen

fishers of men  
 followers  
 James  
 John  
 Judas

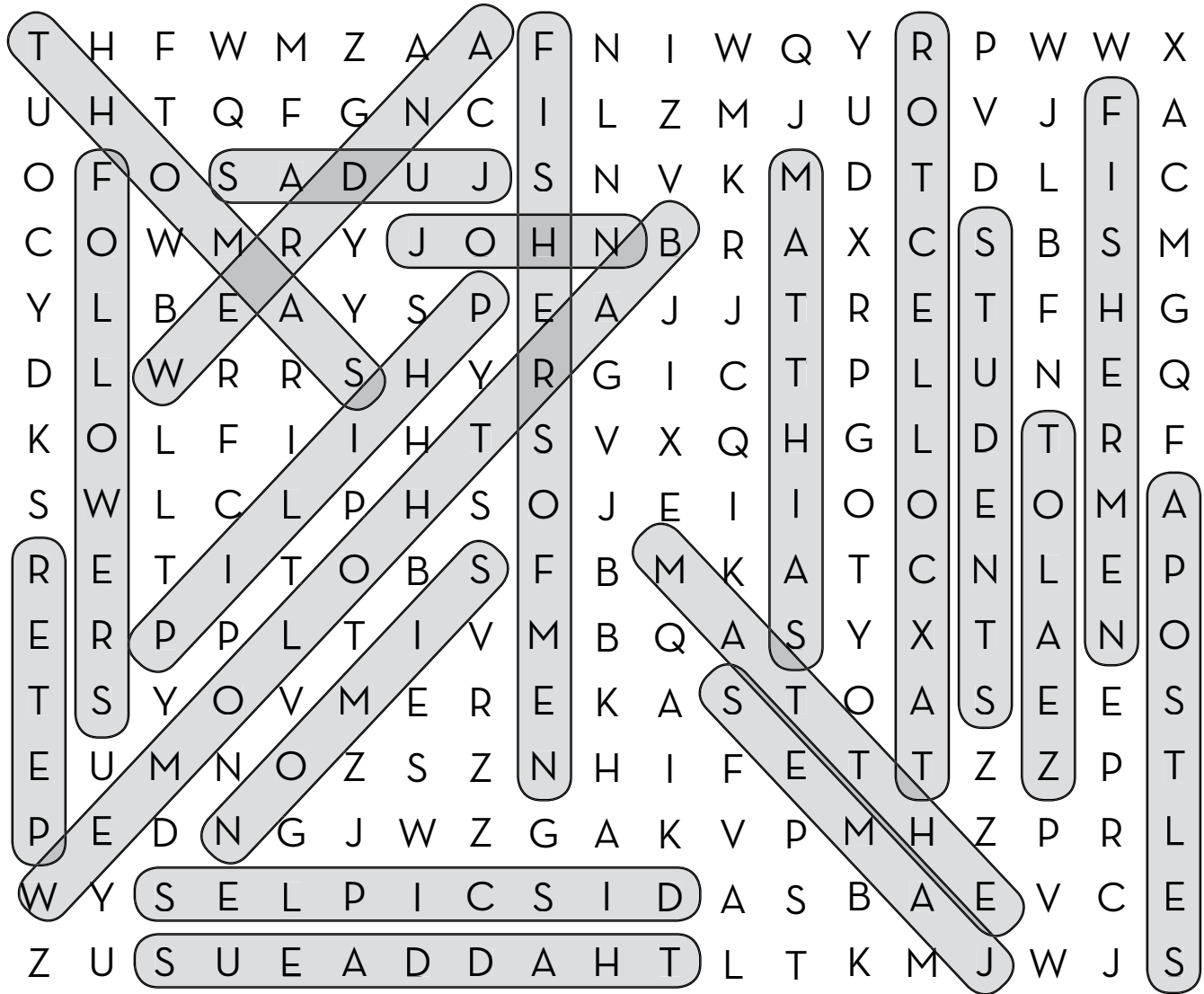
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 Matthias  
 Peter  
 Philip  
 Simon

students  
 tax collector  
 Thaddaeus  
 Thomas  
 zealot

Jesus's Disciples Answer Key

**JESUS'S DISCIPLES** *Answer Key*

Can you find all the words in this word search?




Andrew  
apostles  
Bartholomew  
disciples  
fishermen

fishers of men  
followers  
James  
John  
Judas

Matthew  
Matthias  
Peter  
Philip  
Simon

students  
tax collector  
Thaddaeus  
Thomas  
zealot

One of the ways we can be friends with others is to show them God’s truth. Unscramble these words and sentences from Titus 3:1-2 to learn what God’s truth looks like.




**Week 51, Day 2**

## Think About It

Titus and the believers on the island of Crete knew the truth. But the apostle Paul wanted to make sure they also *showed* the truth. He tells us what the truth looks like in Titus 3:1–2. If we do these things, people will be able to see the truth. Then they will be able to see the life God wants for them too!

All of the words and sentences below come from Titus 3:1–2. But they’re all jumbled up. See if you can straighten them out so that the truth is clearer to see. If you get stuck, you can read Titus 3:1–2 to find the answers.

- dRimen doG’s loppee ot boye lurser nad routhaitise.  
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- lelT emth nto to kapes vile nights astinga yeanno.  
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- dRimen doG's loppee ot boye lurser nad routhaitise.**  
Remind God's people to obey rulers and authorities.
- nimdeR meth to eb darey ot do thaw si dogo.**  
Remind them to be ready to do what is good.
- lelT emth nto to kapes vile nights astinga yeanno.**  
Tell them not to speak evil things against anyone.
- dRimen hemt ot veil ni epace.**  
Remind them to live in peace.
- yeTh stum ridcones het esend fo hoters.**  
They must consider the needs of others.
- eyhT sumt swayal eb legnet odwart neoyveer.**  
They must always be gentle toward everyone.

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There are many ways we can extend friendship to others. This fill-in-the-blank puzzle helps us remember how we should treat each other with kindness and love.

## HOW WE SHOULD TREAT EACH OTHER

Choose one of the words or phrases below each sentence to fill in the blank(s) in that sentence.

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| 1. _____ one another (Romans 12).<br>Honor / Dishonor                        | 13. _____ one another deeply, from the heart (1 Peter 1).<br>Love / Hate          |
| 2. Live in _____ with one another (Romans 12).<br>disharmony / harmony       | 14. Offer _____ to one another (1 Peter 4).<br>inhospitality / hospitality        |
| 3. _____ passing judgment on one another (Romans 14).<br>Stop / Start        | 15. Let us not _____ each other (Galatians 5).<br>envy / bless                    |
| 4. _____ one another (Romans 15).<br>Accept / Reject                         | 16. _____ each other's burdens (Galatians 6).<br>Ignore / Carry                   |
| 5. _____ one another (Hebrews 3).<br>Discourage / Encourage                  | 17. Do not _____ each other (Colossians 3).<br>lie to / be honest with            |
| 6. _____ one another (Galatians 5).<br>Rule / Serve                          | 18. _____ each other (Colossians 3).<br>Get upset with / Bear with                |
| 7. Be _____ to one another (Ephesians 4).<br>kind / unkind                   | 19. _____ each other _____ (1 Thessalonians 5).<br>Tear ... down / Build ... up   |
| 8. Be _____ to one another (Ephesians 4).<br>uncompassionate / compassionate | 20. Live _____ with each other (1 Thessalonians 5).<br>in peace / at war          |
| 9. _____ one another (Colossians 3).<br>Forgive / Don't forgive              | 21. Do what is _____ for each other (1 Thessalonians 5).<br>bad / good            |
| 10. Spur one another on toward _____ (Hebrews 10).<br>love / hatred          | 22. _____ your sins _____ each other (James 5).<br>Confess ... to / Hide ... from |
| 11. Do not _____ one another (James 4).<br>slander / compliment              | 23. _____ each other (James 5).<br>Forget about / Pray for                        |
| 12. Don't _____ one another (James 5).<br>support / grumble against          |   |

Answer key for How We Should Treat Each Other fill-in-the-blank puzzle.

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