

5th Grade
FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT



OPENING PRAYER

LEADER: God loves us so much, as his sons and daughters, that He wants us all to be happy. When God made us, He wanted us to have a special friendship with each other. God made us in His image, which is SO good.

Let's start our talk today about friendship and respect with a prayer paying special attention to the words from Scripture.

ALL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

READER 1: Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; because of your will they came to be and were created worthy. *(Revelation 4:11)*

READER 2: God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. *(Genesis 1:27)*

ALL: Jesus, help us to live today as children created in your image.

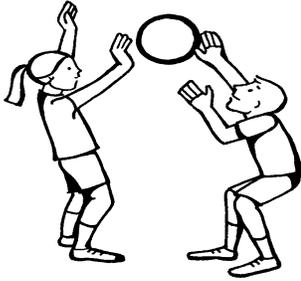
READER 3: Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. *(1Corinthians 3:16-17)*

ALL: Jesus, help me to love myself and my neighbor today, as you have loved me.

LEADER: Jesus taught us how to pray to His Father, so let us together pray the Lord's Prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven....
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grade Five



Discussion Guide

Talking about Emotional Boundaries:

“The other kids make fun of me!”

In gym class the other day, some of your friends were talking about another friend, Jamie. After school, Jamie confided in you that she was being teased about her weight. You didn't stand up for Jamie with your friend, but now you feel bad about it. When you apologized to Jamie and tried to give her a hug, she didn't want to hug you back and was still really sad.

- Why would Jamie be sad still? What can you do to help Jamie feel better?
- What does God tell us about this situation?

“Lunch Table Invader”

Every day, since 3rd grade, you have had lunch with the same people. You really like your friends at your lunch table. One day, Sam, who doesn't always say the right thing around other people, sits at your lunch table. You used to play with Sam, and you were invited to Sam's birthday party last year.

- What do you do? What do you think Sam might be thinking about this?

“You're Popular, I'm Not”

You and Alex were good friends when you were little and you played together every summer, sometimes you would camp out in your back yard and plan water balloon attacks on the neighborhood. On Halloween, you would always go Trick or Treating together. Alex was always a lot of fun to hang out with. A couple of months ago, you started to play lacrosse at school and made some new friends. These new friends live in a different neighborhood and you get to sleepover on the weekends with them. Sometimes you see Alex around school, but you don't get to talk too much. Yesterday, you and Alex got off the bus together and Alex seemed mad at you. When you asked Alex to come over to see your new video game, Alex responded with, “You're popular, I'm not. No thanks” and went home.

- What happened with Alex? Is it ok to make new friends?
- What should have happened? How can you respond?

Discussion Guide continued....

Talking about Physical Boundaries:

“Bully Bully Bully”

Yesterday on the bus, a bunch of 7th graders were being rowdy and kept bumping your seat. When the bus stopped, you got up and moved to another seat, away from the older kids. But then THEY got up and moved to a seat behind YOU, and kept bumping you and laughing about it. When you went home, it really bothered you. Today, the same thing happened on the bus.

- What can you do tomorrow? Why do you think it bothered you?
- Do you feel like you were being bullied?

“Give Me A Hug”

Uncle Kenny always spends Thanksgiving at your house and it looks like he has a lot of fun with your brother and sister. They play games and wrestle and tickle each other. Sometimes Uncle Kenny brings you gifts and asks for a hug. Sometimes, Uncle Kenny wants to hug you when you don't want to be touched. Your mom might get mad if you don't hug Uncle Kenny because that's her brother.

- How can you explain to your mom that sometimes you don't like to be touched?
- What could you say to Uncle Kenny when he wants to give you a hug and you don't want to?
- Is it ok to not want to hug Uncle Kenny?

“I Need A Partner”

It's school picnic day at Kennywood and your friends are FINALLY old enough to walk around the park without Mom and Dad. Now you're in line for the Thunderbolt, which is great, except for one thing...there are 5 people in your group and you need a partner to get on the ride. There's an adult a little ahead of you in the line that doesn't have a partner either. This person notices that you need a partner to ride and asks you to wait for the next train and ride together.

- What would you do and how would you respond?
- What are some of the possible outcomes for waiting with and riding with this stranger?



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CLOSING PRAYER

LEADER: We are always welcomed into God's presence. We don't have to wait until our hearts find the right words, or until we need something, to present ourselves. It is enough to just be there. It's o.k. to be speechless in God's presence. After all the main reason for entering God's presence is to simply acknowledge and honor Him.

ALL: Let us always remember that God, who always listens, is with us.

READER 1: Lord, we ask you to bless us and fill us with your grace and your love.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 2: Stay with us, Lord, as we grow to maturity and help us to learn the virtue of kindness toward others.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 3: Help us to experience the virtues of humility and patience.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 4: Help us to experience the virtues of patience, love and understanding.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 5: Let our friendships be good and valuable.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 6: Help us to always respect ourselves and others.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

READER 7: Let our knowledge of you continue to grow day by day.

ALL: God always listens and is with us.

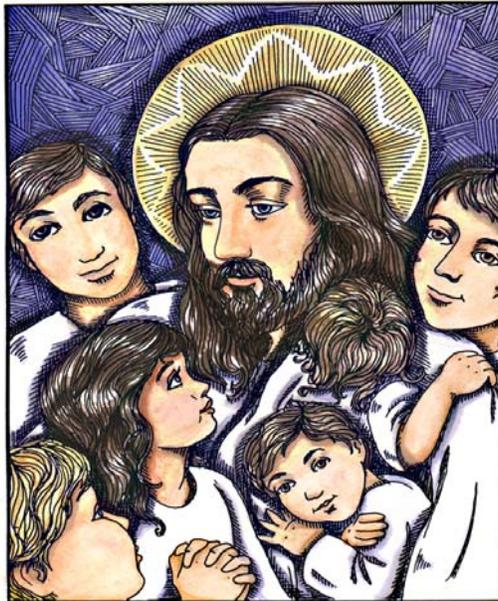
LEADER: Let us pray for God's blessing.

O God of Love, bless these children and bring them peace and security. Grant them the nurture and love to grow to the fullness of their talents and skills. Bestow on them the gift of friendship.

Help them to find joy in little things, moments of wonder at your awesomeness, eagerness to discover, and excitement of expectation.

Give them the quickness to forgive others and hope for their days ahead. Ever surround them with your love. We ask these things in the name of your Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.



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