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“FRIENDLINESS”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

John 1:43-51
(KBC Study Bible, pages 1149-1150)

CHARACTER WORD

Friendliness – Knowing, liking and accepting other people just the way they are

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can tell my friends about Jesus.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 28:19a

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1069)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Cards, bags

Option 2: Inflatable globe balls

BIBLE CONNECTION

None

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Painter's tape, balloons

Option 2: Plastic cone, beanbags

Philip Tells a Friend About Jesus

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Andrew told his brother Simon Peter about Jesus. The next day Jesus found Philip and asked him to follow Him. Philip recognized Jesus as the hope and promise the world had been waiting for, the coming Messiah. He was so excited! After Philip chose to follow Jesus, he quickly found his friend Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Nathanael doubted Philip's invitation initially, saying no good thing could certainly come out of Nazareth, but Philip insisted he come and see Jesus for himself.

Nathanael was surprised to find out Jesus already knew him. He turned from skepticism to belief and chose to follow Jesus. We need to help students move from any doubt or skepticism and also choose to follow Jesus. We want to help them be excited about what God has done in their life and want to share the same with their friends.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- *Our character word today is friendliness. Let's look at the definition in the front of our KBC Study Bibles. (Have a student read it aloud and discuss)*
- *What makes a good friend?*
- *How are you a friend to others?*



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Enjoy singing songs about friendship. Here are some suggestions if you need them:

An oldie but goodie is “Lean on Me”.

A fun upbeat song by Phillips, Craig and Dean is “I Am a Friend of God”.

Another good song is “Till I Found You” by Phil Wickham.



MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Note cards, pen/marker

Focus on the Bible 

Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage students to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. You might even consider a little competition between grade levels or boys vs. girls.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 

Direct students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Matthew 28:19a (page 1069). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the students follow along.

Our character word today is friendliness. Our verse says to be a good friend and give preference to one another – that means letting a friend eat the last cookie! Or win a game, or go first in line, or choose their favorite color to paint. What are some other ways to be a good friend? (Accept all responses.)

Let's read our Memory Link together again.

Option 1 – READY, SET, GO!

Beach pail, wad of paper for each student

Prepare

Print each word of the verse on individual cards, including the Scripture address. Place a set in a bag for each surf team. Set a time and see how fast each team can arrange the words of the verse in the correct order.

Option 2 - AROUND THE WORLD

No supplies needed

Give each surf team a blowup globe ball. Students pass the ball around the circle as they say a word in the verse, including the address.

Matthew 28:19a
"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."
(KBC Study Bible, pg. 1069)

BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Being a friend is a big job! I'm sure all of you have some good friends. You are friends because you like some of the same things – like sports, food, games. You like hanging out with each other. Sometimes you may not always agree on everything, but you are still friends. Let's look at the definition of friendliness in the front of our KBC Study Bible. Would a volunteer read it out loud to us?

Friendliness - Knowing, liking, and accepting other people just the way they are.

Today we will learn about two friends named Philip and Nathanael. Turn in your KBC Study Bible to page 1149. We are in the New Testament in the book of John. We will begin reading at verse 43.

Tell the Story

Jesus traveled to Galilee. There He found a man named Philip who lived in Galilee. Jesus walked up to Philip and said, "Follow Me". Now Philip knew who Jesus was because his friends Andrew and Peter had told him. He quickly turned to his friend, Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Philip explained to Nathanael that this is the one Moses and other prophets wrote – Jesus of Nazareth.

Nathanael was just a little confused because he asked, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" For you see, Nazareth was just a small little village. Most of the people who lived there were farmers and not very wealthy. Yet Philip is telling him about a man named Jesus – written about by prophets – and he was from a little place called Nazareth? He must have shook his head in disbelief!

But Philip said, "Come and see." When they got closer to Jesus, He spoke to Nathanael. Confused, Nathanael asked Jesus, "How do you know me?" (Read verses 48-50 for Jesus' response to Nathanael.)

What a cool thing for a friend to do for another! Philip introduced his friend, Nathanael to Jesus! And Nathanael followed Jesus, too!

Some of you have probably invited a friend to come to Beach Club® so that they (just like you) can hear about Jesus and how much He loves us. We can show friendliness in many ways, but the best way is to lead your friends to Jesus! Philip introduced Nathanael to Jesus. How can you introduce Jesus to your friends? (Accept all answers.)

Application

Some of you may have been introduced to Jesus at your church or by your parents or even a friends. Having Jesus as your Forever Friend is gaining a friend who will never ever leave you. He will be by your side FOREVER!

Teaching Tip

Students should be hands on with their Bibles and encouraged to follow along as the story is told. As you teach, allow time for all students to find verses and catch up to where you may be reading from the Bible. Encourage students to share their KBC Bible with a friend who may have forgotten theirs.

Gospel Connection 

We know that sometimes we are not at our best. We do wrong things – that is called sin. Jesus wants us to ADMIT that we have sinned and ASK Him to forgive us of our sin. He also wants us to BELIEVE that He came to this earth and showed us how to live without sin. He died on the cross for our sins but rose to live in heaven with God. Then we can CHOOSE to follow Him – and to make Jesus your Forever Friend!

If that is something you want to talk with your Surf Team Leader or one of the other adults here today, you may go now to talk with someone.

Friendship is a priceless gift that Jesus wants us to share! Be a true friend and share Jesus this week!

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

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Gospel Tip

We pray today you have students who want to ask Jesus to forgive them of their sins and invite Him into their life, be their Lord and Savior making Jesus their Forever Friend. Be sure to complete a decision card and give to your Record Keeper so they can enter their profession of faith in the KiDs Online Management System™ and follow up with their parents or legal guardians.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *This week, how will you be a friend to others?*
- *Who is one friend that you can share the story of Jesus with this week?*
- *Who will you invite to come to Beach Club® with you next week? To go to church with you?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to highlight today's Memory Link verse.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Our Weekly Challenge is to be intentional and tell our friends about Jesus. Friends invite friends to come to Jesus!

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Dear God, help me be a good friend and tell others about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Oh No, Time's Up!
Finding verses, discussing questions, taking prayer requests... it's easy to run out of time. If your group really seems disappointed when Surf Team Time's over too soon, try to continue your discussion during "Get Connected" next week.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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Playing a game to review today’s Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - BALLOON RELAY

Painter’s tape, balloons

Prepare

Mark a start line and finish line using painter’s tape. Inflate at least one balloon for each surf team.

Explain that kids will move balloons from the start line to the finish line in a variety of ways. The first team to get their balloon across the finish line will have an opportunity to answer a review question. Instruct surf teams to line up behind the start line and begin races.

Option 2 - PENGUIN WADDLE

Plastic cone, beanbag

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Place a cone several feet away from each team. The first player in each line will answer a review question, place a beanbag on top of each foot, and shuffle to the cone and back without dropping the beanbags off their feet. The first surf team to complete the relay wins.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today’s Character Word? (friendliness)*
2. *In which book of the Bible is today’s Bible story located? (John)*
3. *Who are the two friends in the story? (Philip and Nathanael)*
4. *Where did Jesus meet Philip and Nathanael? (Galilee)*
5. *Where was Jesus from? (Nazareth)*
6. *Can you describe Nazareth? (small village, mostly farmers)*
7. *What did Jesus say to Philip? (follow me)*
8. *Who followed Jesus? (Philip and Nathanael)*
9. *What is our Memory Link today? (“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” Matthew 28:19a)*
10. *Name at least one friend you will invite to Beach Club® next week. (Answers will vary.)*

**“Go therefore
and make
disciples of all
the nations.”**

Matthew 28:19a

