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



Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10





## Oh, Peter!

Have you ever said something and it hurt someone's feelings? That's exactly what Peter did in our Bible story this week. He messed up over and over again and ended up hurting one of his best friends, Jesus. The cool part of the story, though, is that Jesus showed us exactly how a friend should respond. He went and found Peter and forgave Him. What would you have done if you were Jesus? Can you think of a time when someone forgave you when you did something that hurt them? Turn this page over and see how many times you can find the phrase FRIENDS FORGIVE. **Know that** Jesus showed us how to forgive, even when we are hurt.





Ask an adult to help you look up Ephesians 4:32. This verse says to be kind one another and forgive one another. Why? Because Jesus forgave you! Can you think of a time when a friend hurt your feelings and you really didn't want to forgive them? Maybe they laughed at you or said something hurtful to you. It's really hard to forgive sometimes. The next time someone hurts you, forgive them and show them that you forgive them. Make them a friendship bracelet or paint a rock and tell them that their friendship rocks! Look for ways to show your friends that you forgive them.



Friends forgive another.



## Forgive or Explode!

Forgiving someone can be very hard! When we don't forgive someone, we bottle up all our anger inside until we want to explode! Let's do a little experiment to show you what I mean. Ask an adult to help you follow these instructions:

- 1. Add 1/4 cup warm water to a plastic zip-top sandwich bag.
- 2. Next add 1/2 cup of vinegar to the same bag.
- 3. Measure out 3 tsp. of baking soda and dump that in the center of a tissue.
- 4. Fold up the tissue around the baking soda.
- 5. Drop the tissue into the bag and close it.
- 6. Step back.

The explosion of the vinegar and the baking soda shows what it can feel like on the inside of us when we don't forgive others. Ask God to help you forgive your friends when they have hurt you.



## What Do You Know?

All month long we have been learning about FRI\_NDS\_IP. We L\_VE each other. We ACCEPT one another. We FO\_GIVE each other. We EN\_ OURAG\_ one another. Way to go! You guys are well on your way to being a great friend and choosing great friends!

Dear God, Thank You for showing us all we need to know about friendship. Help us to remember all that we learn and have the courage to be the kind of friend that You want us to be! Amen.



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