

FRIENDS

Ice Breaker _____

Game/activity _____

VITAL PREPARATION:

Read 1 Samuel 18:1 – chapter 20:42 in advance

Some Questions...

- Q What things make your life worthwhile (think about objects and people in our lives)
- Q Relationships enrich our lives. Which 3 relationships enrich your life the most right now and why?
- Q What kind of things do you look for in a friend?
- Q What kind of stuff do you have to work through to be a good friend? i.e what are the things that bug you?
- Q What do you think the writer of this quote meant when he said 'friendships is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh nor measure words' George Elliot
- Q Talk about the friendships between Jonathan and David that you read about in your preparation time. And share about bond these two men shared.
- Q Are these kinds of relationships possible amongst youth today? Why or why not?

So how would you suggest that you make friends?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

Leaders here's a few suggestions to make friends, (but see what your LG come up with first)-

1. Accept people just as they are. Its making a choice to overlook people's faults.

Date you did this study _____

Leaders' Notes

2. Keep your word. If you say you are going to do something do it.
3. Go the extra mile. ,any times we only put into relationships what we can get out of it, true friendships are what we give, and out of giving what we receive.
4. Be prepared to take the risk. In order to build and develop friendships we need to be prepared to take some risks in being vulnerable with heart issues.
5. Celebrate their wins. When one of your friends does well, celebrate with them.
6. Create moments for memories. Have a few traditions that you share, give little cards and presents that they can keep.

Now have several LG members look up and read a different verse each:

- Proverbs 17:9
- Proverbs 17:17
- Proverbs 18:24
- Proverbs 27:6
- Proverbs 27:17

Q Talk about what your world would be like to be without friends?

Personal application:

Look around you this week in your school, how many people do you see that you would benefit from you reaching out and befriending them.