



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

FALL C
Lesson 7

A Better Friend

“A friend loves at all times.”
Proverbs 17:17

When we think of good friends from the Bible, David and Jonathan come to mind first, at least at our house! It's interesting to ask my kids, **What do you know about how to become a better friend?** Often, kids haven't thought about skills they might need to make friends well—but here are some ways the Bible tells us through the friendship of David and Jonathan: Love your friends as you love yourself. Share what you have with your friends. Warn your friends about things that might hurt them. Protect your friends from people who want to hurt them. Be honest with your friends, even when it is hard. Give your friends good advice. Help your friends look to God for help when they have a problem. Speak well of your friends to others. Defend your friends when you hear others talk badly about them or bully them. Pray for your friends. If my kids can do those things, they'll have learned tremendous relational abilities—to become the BEST friends ever!

Try This:

Help your kids be intentional about being a good friend. It's helpful to keep their own Friendship Notebook/Journal. Have them write out across the tops of the pages the ways to be good friends from the paragraph above. With those ideas in mind, they can take time to review it regularly, writing down incidents in which they showed they were good friends and moments when they needed one of these skills. Have a section where they can list off of their friends so they can pray daily for them. Tell your kids, **When you put God first, you become a better friend.**