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for Elementary

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Lesson 4

Best Friends

“You are my friends if you do what I command.”

John 15:14

It's hard as parents to watch our kids struggle with friendship issues: not having friends, having conflict with friends, feeling left out or rejected. It's important for them to know that everyone has had these issues—they're not alone. I often talk with them about their friends and friendships asking, “What do you think . . .?” kinds of questions. This way, I can hear their ideas and understand what they do or don't know. This helps me to find the best ways to encourage them to be a good friend and to give helpful ideas for the tough times in their friendships. We talk about how Jesus shows that He is always our Friend and ways we can show we are His friends by how we live.

Try This:

To help your kids have the words and strategies they need to become good friends, use car time or dinner time to give them scenarios that might come up in their friendships: **You always sit with your friend at lunchtime; one day, someone who doesn't like your friend wants you to sit with them instead. What do you do?** Then role-play—give words and ideas about what to do. And pray with your child about situations that are difficult—not only does God have creative solutions we haven't thought of, but also, you're teaching your child to go to God with every situation!