

Harmony: Together is better



First, watch
this week's
video!

Friendship:
Using your
words and
actions to show
others you care

Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Bible Story

Barnabas and Saul
Acts 9:26-30

Bottom Line

Friends stand up for one another.

Use this guide to help your family learn about friendship.

Activity

Take a Stand

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Say, "I'll read a list of situations that you and a friend might experience together. For each scenario, you'll sit down while you think about how you could stand up for your friend in that situation. Then stand up and give me your answer. Ready?"

Situations:

- You're on the playground and an older kid starts making fun of your friend.
- You're at the water fountain with your friend. After you drink your water, a kid comes up to the water fountain and takes your friend's turn. This keeps happening again and again, and your friend can't get to the water fountain.
- During class, you're asked to get into groups for a project. You look around and see that your friend hasn't been chosen to be in a group.
- Someone gives your friend a "nickname" that isn't very nice.
- A kid in your class breaks the teacher's stapler. When the teacher asks what happened, the kid blames your friend.

When you're finished, say, "Great job! Those were tough situations for sure. When your friends need help, you can stand up for them."

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Barnabas stand up for Saul in our story today? (*He helped the believers understand that Saul now believed in Jesus, and that they could trust him.*)

Have you ever had a friend stand up for you? What happened?

Is there a friend you can think of who needs someone to stand up for them?

Are there times when you might need to get an adult's help in order to stand up for a friend? (*Yes; you should never put yourself in danger to help a friend. Sometimes speaking up to an adult is the best way to stand up for a friend.*)

Parent: Tell your child about a time when you stood up for a friend—or a time when a friend stood up for you. Tell your child how that made you feel. If possible, also tell how it made a difference.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, please give us the courage we need to stand up for our friends—to say what's right and what's true. Help us to remember that friends stand up for one another. Thank You for standing up for US by sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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Key Question

When have you seen someone stand up for someone else?

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Stand Up for What's Right

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Say, "I'll read you a list of questions. You'll sit down for each question. When you know the right answer, stand up and shout it out. Ready?"

Questions and answers:

- Which percussion instrument is named for its shape? (*Triangle*)
- How many strings does a typical guitar have? (*Six*)
- Are there more black keys or white keys on a piano? (*White keys*)
- What animal is used to make the bow for a violin? (*Horse; its hair*)
- After a performance, when the audience cheers and asks for more and the performers come back out, what is that called? (*Encore*)
- What is it called when two people perform a musical piece together? (*Duet*)
- Which brass instrument is played by using a slide, rather than valves for changing pitch? (*Trombone*)

When you're finished, say, "Nice job! You had to stand up to give the right answer. In our story today, we heard about a man named Barnabas who was willing to stand up for someone else—his friend Saul."

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Barnabas stand up for Saul?

(He helped the believers understand that Saul now believed in Jesus, and that they could trust him.)

When have you seen someone stand up for someone else?

Has anyone ever stood up for you? How did that make you feel?

What does it show to your friend when you choose to stand up for them?

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Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for showing us what it means to stand up for our friends. Thank You for the story of Barnabas and Saul, and how it shows us that friends stand up for one another. Thank You for the friends You've given us. Please give us the courage to stand up for our friends and help others see how valuable they are. We love You! Amen."