

It's a job to be Job—Kids' Lesson #9

Job 4-7, Exodus 33:11a, James 2:23

Prop: Bring in a picture of yourself with a friend. It can be an old or current one.

HOOK: *(Hold up your picture and show it to the kids.)* I want to show you a picture of me with my friend, _____. **(Briefly tell the kids about your friendship and why you like being her/his friend, i.e. you have fun together, you both love Jesus, you trust each other, etc.)**

BOOK: Did you know that even God has friends? The Bible tells us that Job was God's friend and that "The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." Abraham was God's friend, too! **James 2:23** says, "**Abraham believed God'...and he was called God's friend.**" *(Have the kids repeat the verse several times with you.)* If we believe and belong to God, then we are His friends, too!

LOOK: A friend is someone you enjoy spending time with and God IS a friend we can spend time with! Did you know that God loves spending time with you? When we pray and read the Bible we are spending time with our Heavenly Father. God never leaves our side so He is always with us. And, He is the best kind of friend because He loves us no matter what and for eternity!

Friendship is a gift from God so we should be careful how we treat the friends He puts in our lives. When our friends need encouragement, let's say things like, "Good job!" "You can do it!" and "I'm here for you." Let's care for one another's needs and do nice things for each other.

TOOK: Think about one of your friends. Do you have someone in mind? (The friend you are thinking about can even be God!) Now, let's go around the room and take turns sharing with the class your friend's name and one thing you would like to do to help, encourage or care for your friend. *(You begin by taking the first turn, saying something like: "My friend's name is Debby and this week I'm going to send her a special card in the mail and let her know how much I appreciate her.")*

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of friendship. Help us to be a good friend to others and to be a good friend to You by spending time with You. Amen."

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #9)



What We Learned: God has friends! The Bible tells us that Job was God’s friend and that “The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.” Abraham was also His friend. If we believe and belong to God, then we are His friends, too. When we pray and read the Bible we are spending time with our Heavenly Father. God never leaves our side so He is always with us. And, He is the best kind of friend because He loves us no matter what and for eternity!



Memory Verse: “Abraham believed God’...and he was called God’s friend.” James 2:23



Parent/Child Activity: Brainstorm with your child about practical ways she can help, encourage or care for one of her friends. Then, help her to do it! Perhaps she can send a note of encouragement or thankfulness for their friendship. Or give a gift. Or, you can provide an opportunity for your child to serve her friend by sharing a toy or food or helping complete a task.



Daily Prayer: “Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of friendship. Help us to be a good friend to others and to be a good friend to you by spending time with you. Amen.”