



# 6KIDS HOUSE PARTY

**PARENT GUIDE**

September 27<sup>th</sup>

## **Life App Definition**

Friendship — using your words and actions to show others you care

## **Main Idea**

We finish up the month with an incredible moment between Jesus and Peter. After denying Jesus three times, Peter was feeling guilty and ashamed. But Jesus still had plans for Peter. Jesus forgave Peter and restored the broken friendship. And when we put our faith in Jesus, He offers that same forgiveness to us. In turn, we can offer forgiveness to others. As kids learn about God's incredible forgiveness through Jesus, we pray they start to understand more about how they can forgive their own friends. It's not just accepting an apology and saying it's all right. We pray that kids will understand how they can forgive others and work to rebuild the friendships that are worth saving.

## **Memory Verse**

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes" (Proverbs 17:17 NIRV).

## **Bottom Line**

Friends forgive one another.

## **Monthly Profession**

I am never alone. God is always with me; He never leaves me.

## **Small-Group Discussion**

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- What were the disciples having trouble with at the beginning of the story?
- What did Peter promise Jesus?
- After Jesus was arrested, what did Peter tell three different people?
- What did the man on the shore tell the men to do with their nets?
- Who was the man on the shore?
- How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him?
- What did Jesus tell Peter to do?

- Have you ever had to forgive a friend? What happened?
- Have you ever had to ask for forgiveness from a friend? How did it feel?
- How can you show forgiveness to a friend beyond just accepting their apology
- What do you do when you forgive a friend but they keep hurting you in the same way? ( You can forgive, while also remembering week 1's lesson: choose your friends carefully. If someone keeps showing you that they're not a good friend, or are bad for you, you can choose wisely about the time you spend with them and ask an adult you trust for advice and help. BUT we should always offer forgiveness.

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- "Word Search" activity page (attached)
- "Search Answers" activity page (attached)
- Pencils
- Bible

### Activity

- Look up Proverbs 17:17 or let your children recite it from memory.
- Take turns sharing what the verse means to you.
- Hand out the "Word Search" activity page to your children.
- Instruct them to look at the list at the bottom and find the words in the word search.
- As they work, ask them to think about the last time they forgave a friend or the last time someone forgave them.
  - Prompt your children to think about how it felt to have their friendship "fixed" through forgiveness.
- Share with them that when we get hurt or we hurt someone, our friendships change. A friend loves at all times, and that's why it's important to learn to ask for forgiveness when we do something wrong. It's equally important to learn to forgive those friends who hurt us. When we learn to ask for AND give forgiveness, we can experience healing, peace, calm, happiness, laughter—all the words found in this word search. **Friends forgive one another.**

## **Prayer**

Take a moment and pray with your children. Ask God to help you all forgive anyone who has hurt you and to help you have the courage to ask for forgiveness from anyone you may have hurt.

Dear God,

Thank You for hearing our prayers and showing us whom we need to forgive and whom we need to ask forgiveness from. Please help us extend to our friends the same kind of forgiveness that You offer, because friends forgive one another. Help us also have the courage to ask for forgiveness. Amen.