

Family Time Handout

Week of September 27- October 3



Right before Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, Jesus renewed His decision to do God's will God's way. We must make the decision to obey God in advance. Right after He renewed His strength, Jesus experienced the painful betrayal of his close friend.

Jesus responds to Judas' betrayal by offering another chance for friendship and relationship! Let's look at friendship this week and see what the Bible has to say about it. If we are to deal with the hurts we experience in our lives from classmates, family, and friends, we must decide in our own hearts that we want to submit our will to God's will and God's word. People will sometimes betray us simply because we love Jesus and want to please Him. Read these different stories/verses and see what you can learn about how to be a good friend.

Day 1: Read I Samuel 18-20

Q: How did Jonathan and David know each other?

Q: Why was it hard for them to be friends?

Q: How did Jonathan love his friend, David, more than himself?

Day 2: Read Ruth 1:1- 22

Q: How do Ruth and Naomi know each other?

Q: What happens to draw Ruth and Naomi closer?

Q: How does Ruth love her mother-in-law, Naomi, more than herself?

Day 3: Read John 15:12-25

Q: What does Jesus command us to do?

Q: Is it easy to love someone more than ourselves?

Q: Why should we love others more than ourselves?

Day 4: Read Luke 6:31

Q: How should we treat others?

Q: How does treating others well, even when they may not deserve it, show them God's love?

Day 5: Colossians 3:12-14

Q: What is one thing that we are told to "put on?"

Q: If there is a characteristic that you do not know what it means, look it up.

Q: What is one of those characteristics that you have a hard time doing? Why?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

Praise God that Jesus is the best friend we could have. **Thank** the Lord that Jesus was the perfect example of how to be a good friend. **Confess** that you are not always a good friend. **Lament** that you are not always loving to those that He loves. **Ask Him** to help you love Him more and to show love to your friends.