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Tips for Teaching Kids About Friendship

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Teach your kids what God has to say about friendship. Read them Bible stories about friends like Jonathan and David or Jesus and the Apostles. Share verses about friends and friendship.

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Teach your kids how to introduce themselves to new people and ask respectful questions to find common interests, experiences and beliefs. Friends start out as acquaintances. If your kids don't know how to meet new people and discover those who may become friends, they may never have very many friends.

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Help your kids list all of the qualities that make a good friend. Although they will naturally include more superficial things, make sure they understand the primary focus should be on character.

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Teach your kids that the best friends will encourage them to worship and obey God. There are many types of friends. They should choose people for their closest circle of friends who will encourage them in their Christian walk.

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Help your kids understand they should be kind, encouraging and loving to everyone - not just their friends.

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Teach your kids friendship requires time and effort.

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Teach your kids how to resolve conflicts with their friends in godly ways.

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Encourage your kids to spend less time with friends who encourage them to make poor choices.

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Remind your kids that while it is natural to change friends from time to time, they should still be kind and encouraging to former friends.

Bible Verses to Share with Your Kids About Friendship:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 • Proverbs 27:17 • Proverbs 17:17 • I Thessalonians 5:11 • I Corinthians 15:33
Proverbs 27:6 • Hebrews 10:24-25 • Proverbs 22:24-25 • Proverbs 17:9 • Proverbs 13:20
Luke 6:31 • Proverbs 11:13 • Colossians 3:12-14 • Proverbs 22:11



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