



## Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: Friendship Bracelet

**INTRODUCE** yourself to the kids by saying:

*Hey! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am so excited that all of you here today! We have been having so much fun seeing how we can Wise Up from God's Word!*

*Today, we are going to talk about friends. As we pass this Friendship Bracelet around the circle, I would love to hear YOUR name and the name of your BEST FRIEND!*

After everyone has had a turn, **SAY**:

*It sounds like we have some great friends! When we are choosing our friends, we should be wise about the friends we pick. We want good friends who will help us make wise choices and do the right thing. That's actually what we need to know today. Everyone say this after me:*

*I Will (point to self)*

*Choose Good Friends! (high five someone)*

### Need to Know:

*I Will*

(point to self)

*Choose Good Friends!*

(high five someone)

### Bible Story:

Daniel Obeyes God

Daniel 1

### Materials:

- Friendship Bracelets
- Bible Story Page
- Memory Cards
- Question Sheet
- Bookmarks
- Markers
- Filler Guide

## Bible Story (6 minutes)

Materials: Bible Story Page

**READ** and **FOLLOW** the instructions on the Bible Story Page. Then, **ASK**:

1. **Who did the king take as prisoners: Daniel and his FRIENDS or Daniel and his HAMSTERS?** (His friends)
2. **When Daniel and his friends were given food that God said NOT to eat, did they eat it?** (No)
3. **Show me a happy face if Daniel's friends helped him make a wise choice!** (Kids make happy faces.)

*Daniel was careful about the friends he chose. Since he chose good friends, they helped him make the right choice. When we choose good friends, they can help us make right choices too! Can you help me say what we need to know today?*

*I Will (point to self)*

*Choose Good Friends! (high five someone)*

**ASK** kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Pray for kids by **SAYING**:

*Dear God, please help us to choose good friends so we can help each other do what you say and make wise choices! Thank you for our friends! We love you. Amen.*

## Application Activity Summary:

Kids will play a game of "Memory Match" and answer questions about the kind of friends we should choose!

## Need to Know:

### I Will

(point to self)

### Choose Good Friends!

(high five someone)

## Proverb:

**"Godly people are careful**

(make "stop" motion)

**About the friends they choose."**

(high five someone)

### Proverbs 12:26

(hold up one finger on one hand and two fingers on the other)

## Review Questions:

1. **In Large Group, were Frank and Stein examples of good friends or bad friends?** (Bad friends)
2. **Is it wise for us to choose friends who help us make right choices?** (Yes)

## Application Activity (7 minutes)

**Materials:** Memory Cards, Question Sheet, Friendship Bracelets

**INTRODUCE** the game by **SAYING:**

***We are going to play a game of "Memory Match" to help us remember that we can choose good friends! I am going to put some cards in the middle of the circle, so let's spread out and make sure to tuck in our feet!***

1. Place the **Memory Cards**, logo side up, in the middle of the circle.
2. Go around the circle, allowing each kid, one at a time, to flip over two cards.
3. If the cards DO NOT match, the child will flip them back over.
4. If the cards DO match, they can keep the pair. Look at the pictures on the cards, and then look at the **Question Sheet** for the picture that matches the cards. Ask the kids the corresponding question while showing one of the **Memory Cards**.
5. After all the matches have been found, reward the kids with a **Friendship Bracelet**. While the kids put on their **bracelet**, **SAY:**

***I would love for you to give your friendship bracelet to your best friend this week, and thank them for being a good friend!***

***In this game, there were some examples of GOOD friends and some examples of BAD friends. Help me remember which kind of friends we should choose by saying what we need to know today with me!***

**I Will** (point to self)

**Choose Good Friends!** (high five someone)

## Wrap It Up (4 minutes)

**Materials:** Bookmarks, Markers, Filler Guide

Get ready to practice the Proverb with your group by **SAYING:**

***In this series, we are learning how to be wise from some verses in Proverbs, which is a book in the Bible! To wrap up today, I am going to teach you a new verse about choosing good friends, and then give you a bookmark to help you remember it at home!***

**TEACH** the Proverb (on left) and motions to the group, and then play a game!

1. Allow the kids to sit in a circle.
2. Start by saying the first word of the verse, then cover your eyes and point to another child in the group.
3. The next kid in the circle will say the next word of the verse. Keep going until the whole verse has been said!

**PASS OUT** **bookmarks** and **markers**. Allow kids to draw a picture of themselves and a friend on the back of the bookmark.

While kids are coloring, **ASK** the Review Questions on the left.

**USE** **Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.