

YOU+ Parenting | Wk 4 - How Can We Encourage Healthy Friendships for our Kids?**Message Big Idea**

Jesus came to bring a YOU+ life through which your children experience meaningful friendships.

Scripture

Proverbs 17:17, Romans 12:15, Matthew 7:12, John 15:15

Points to Keep In Mind

1. We appreciate the way you lead and love your group members. Loneliness is a common struggle so please approach this topic with grace, gentleness and tenderness. As you facilitate this week's discussion, keep in mind our mental health resource page that lists many wonderful trained and licensed local counselors. The link is listed below.
2. For question 3, some biblical examples of friendships are Peter and Paul who overcame their differences and became close friends sharing a deep commitment to the gospel. The friendship between Ruth and Naomi is a beautiful example of loyalty and selflessness. Paul and Timothy's friendship formed through mentorship and discipleship with Timothy becoming a leader in the early church is a third example of biblical friendship. There are many more...see how many your group can name.
3. The "Law" in question 5 is comprised of the "Pentateuch" and includes the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The "Prophets" includes the remaining Old Testament books.
4. We often feel closest to Jesus during Sunday morning celebration services as we worship together so please encourage your group members to continue to make Sunday mornings a priority this summer. Other ways we can cultivate our relationship with Jesus is through prayer, Bible reading, taking time to listen and serving others. One great way to serve others as a small group is Summer Serve. Check out all the Summer Serve opportunities at communitychristian.org/summerserve

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey? Visit communitychristian.org/nextsteps
3. Have you considered getting baptized? Visit communitychristian.org/baptism/
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? Sign up at communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: YouPlus.info
7. Download YOU+ resources for parents at kidscity.org