

# Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.



## DAY 1

### Read Colossians 3:13

When a friend messes up, when they forget your birthday, or borrow something without asking, or say something mean without thinking, what do you do? Do you get mad? When they apologize, do you stay mad?

One big part of friendship is learning to forgive. Why? Because your friends aren't perfect. Neither are you. When a friend tells you they're sorry, forgiveness is always the best choice. Why? Because you've been forgiven too! God doesn't hold your mistakes against you. So if you're holding onto something against someone, choose forgiveness because friends forgive each other.

#### Don't Forget To Forgive

In the verse below, the following letters are missing! Fill in the blanks to complete the verse:

F O R G I V E

"Put up w.....th .....n..... an.....th.....  
.....n..... an.....th.....  
i..... y.....u a..... h.....ld.....ng s.....m.....th.....  
n..... a.....a.....nst s.....m.....n.....  
..... just as th.....  
L.....d ..... a.....e y.....u."

C.....l.....ss.....ans 3:13, NlrV

## DAY 2

### Read Psalm 133:1

In friendship, it can be hard to keep the peace! Especially when you think you're right and the other person is wrong. Look back at today's verse. Who should live in peace? Unscramble the words below to find your answer.

.....'s .....  
O D G E E O P P L

God wants you to live in peace with the people around you because the people around you were made by God! God loves them just as much as He loves you. And it makes God sad when we let our arguments or disagreements get in the way. It's okay to let a friend know that your feelings were hurt or that their choices were wrong, but it's NOT okay to stay mad and refuse to forgive. If we want to have strong friendships, we have to learn how to forgive and move on.

#### Find Some Peace

Who do you need to forgive? Stop and pray about it. Tell God why you're upset and ask for help to forgive, just as God's forgiven you. Then, when you're ready, let the other person know that you forgive them and do your best to move





DAY 3

### Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Did you catch the part at the end that says, love “does not keep track of other people’s wrongs”? What does that really mean anyway?

Let’s say you’re playing football and your friend steals the ball and runs for a touchdown. You are so mad! He did the same thing last week and the week before that. In fact, it seems like all he ever does is steal the ball from you. Suddenly, you’re not just mad about today. You’re mad about all the other times he’s stolen the ball. This is what it means to “keep track of wrongs” against someone else.

Keeping “track of wrongs” can be exhausting. And it’s not really fair because you mess up too. In fact, you mess up enough to fill up a list of your own. A good friend ditches that mess up list. A real friend chooses to forgive and move on.

Write the words “does not keep track of other people’s wrongs” with a dry erase marker on your mirror. This week, instead of holding on to your anger by keeping a record, ask God to help you be a friend who forgives!



DAY 4

### Read Proverbs 17:9

Everybody messes up, including you. And everyone wants a friend who is willing to forgive. But it’s even better when you find a friend who forgives and moves on. A friend who doesn’t bring it up again or trash talk about you to someone else.

The good news is, God is the ultimate forgiver! God has forgiven you and will help you forgive others. Ask God to help you be the kind of friend who forgives and lets it go, even when it’s hard.



**Friends forgive one another.**

