

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships are an important part of life. Being a good friend is more than just getting to know someone. Friendship is about spending time together, having fun with one another, being kind and caring, and helping your friend when there is a need.

Everybody is different, and an important part of friendships is getting to know and love those who are different from you.



If everyone liked the same things, acted the same way, and wanted to do only the same things, it would get pretty boring. Friendships help you to get to know and understand different people and make them a part of your life.

You can be a good friend by being kind and thoughtful. Do things that will make your friends happy. Listen when you communicate so that you can understand what is important to them. Listening is a good way to prevent misunderstandings and frustration. Treat your friends the way you would like them to treat you.



Here are some ways that you can be a good friend:

- Invite others to join you.
- Listen when you communicate.
- Be caring and helpful.
- Share what you have.
- Be happy for your friends when they succeed.
- Work together to solve conflicts.

Ask Me to help you be a friend who is caring and kind. I am always happy to show you how to build stronger, lasting friendships. To have a friend is to be a friend.

> "People will know that you are my followers if you love each other" (John 13:35 ERV).



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