



THE PLUG

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Friendship as God intended

PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [Proverbs 17:17] A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

[Bible verses: Proverbs 17:17, 1 John 4:7, Luke 16:10]

Ice Breaker Game: Friend interview

The Little Things That Build Big Faith

Discussion Questions

1. Why are small acts of kindness often overlooked?
2. What makes someone a trustworthy friend?
3. When is it hardest to show love to others?

The Forgotten Backpack

Jordan and Mia had been friends since middle school. They sat together in youth group every week and often talked about trusting God.

One Friday after school, Jordan noticed Mia had accidentally left her backpack in the classroom. Inside was her laptop and a project worth half her grade. Jordan was already late for basketball practice and could have ignored it, thinking, "Someone else will take care of it."

Instead, Jordan picked up the backpack, walked it to the school office, and sent Mia a quick text. Later that evening, Mia replied, "Thank you! I was panicking because I thought everything was gone." The next week, Jordan's family faced a difficult situation when a close relative became seriously ill. Jordan felt overwhelmed and didn't know who to talk to.

Without being asked, Mia checked in every day, prayed with Jordan, helped with homework, and simply listened. Months later, their youth leader said, "Real faith isn't only about big moments. It's about loving people and being faithful in the little things every day."

Jordan realized something important. Returning a backpack seemed small. Sending encouraging texts seemed small. Praying together seemed small. But those little acts showed God's love and built a friendship that lasted through hard times.

Lesson

1. A Friend Loves at All Times (Proverbs 17:17)

True friendship isn't only about having fun together. A real friend:

- Shows up during hard times.
- Encourages others.
- Doesn't disappear when life gets difficult.

Ask: How can you be the kind of friend someone can depend on?

2. Faithfulness Starts Small (Luke 16:10)

God notices the little choices we make.

Examples: Being honest even when no one is watching.| Keeping your word.| Helping someone without expecting recognition.

Small acts of faithfulness prepare us for greater responsibilities.

Ask: What is one "small thing" God may be asking you to be faithful in this week?

3. Love Comes From God (1 John 4:7)

God's love isn't just something we receive—it is something we share. We show God's love by:

- Forgiving.
- Including people who feel left out.
- Speaking kindly.
- Serving others.
- Praying for friends.

When people see genuine love, they see a reflection of God.

Ask: Who in your life needs to experience God's love through your actions this week

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Prayer Request

Alter Call: Looking to be baptized or rededicate life to God

Announcements: Interest in joining the Usher Dream Team