

# Theme: Friends

**Goal:** For the kids to see the importance of having and being good friends.

## Weekly Preaching Themes:

1. How to Be a Friend
2. Choosing Good Friends
3. The Influence of Friends
4. The Greatest Friend

## Jr. Church Theater:

Kids act out the Bible stories while teachers provide costumes, props, and narration.

1. Naomi & Ruth
2. The Fiery Furnace
3. Job's "Friends" (for Job's costume we bought some fake scabs from a Halloween store ☺ )
4. David & Jonathan

## Memory Verse:

**Proverbs 18:24**, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

**Method of Teaching:** Each word of the verse was put on a piece of paper and hung in front of the class. Let kids take turns shooting a Nerf gun at the verse. The words they hit came down. Repeated the verse between each shooter

## Songs:

I Want to Be a Friend to You (theme song)  
Consent Thou Not (Prov 1:10)  
Children All Around the World  
Father, I Adore You  
Help Me, Lord  
I Have Decided  
Iron Sharpeneth Iron (Prov. 27:17)  
Sunday Go-To-Meeting  
The Bible Tells Me So  
Watch What You Watch  
Walk the Bible Way  
What a Friend We Have

## Offering:

**Playground Pals.** Covered one bulletin board in green paper and put some pictures of playground equipment on it. For every dollar brought in, we put a cartoon kid on the playground. Not a contest.

## Sword Drills:

Kids who found the Bible verses first were given 2 pieces of candy - one to keep and one to share with a friend.

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## Friend Talks:

Each week we had 2 long-time friends from our church come down and give testimonies of how each has helped the other.

## Review Game:

### **Friend Games**

Each of the 4 seating sections was asked a review question. Those who answered correctly came up to the front, and picked a friend from their section to come up too. Those 4 teams then played...

1. **The Banana Game.** Both kids on each team hold left hands, and feed each other a banana with their right hands. First team to finish both bananas wins.
2. **Baby Food Game.** Both kids get a jar of baby food and a spoon. They feed each other at the same time. First team done with both jars wins.
3. **Three-Legged Race.** Kids are tied together and race around the room. First across the finish line wins.
4. **Teachers Choice.** On the last Sunday, the teachers picked whichever of these 3 they liked best! 😊

## Best Kid Rewards:

**Mystery Seats.** Chose 2 seats from each seating section before class started (8 total). If the kids in those seats behaved and participated throughout class, they earned a travel game or card game (Old Maid, Go Fish, etc) to take home.

## Other

> **Showcase of Friends.** The first week we took pictures of friends in our class.

By the 2nd week the pictures were mounted on a bulletin board, so everyone could see them.

> **Bring-a-Friend Contest.** Any kids who brought a friend with them to class were given a paper silhouette with their name on it, and another for their friend.

Whoever brought the most friends this month was given a \$20 McDonalds gift card the last week.

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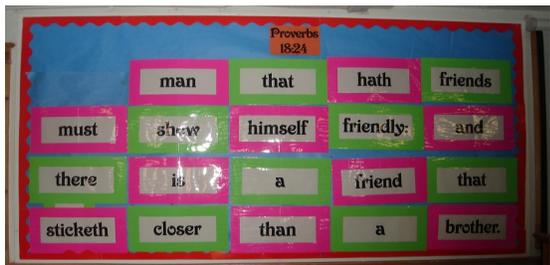
## Bulletin Board Pictures :



Theme Board



Offering Board



Memory Verse Board



Other Boards

## Other Class Pictures:



Friend Talks



Jr Church Theater Prop



Review Game  
("The Banana Game")