

# WISE FRIENDSHIPS

"You are My friends  
if you do whatever  
I command you."  
(Jesus to His disciples  
in John 15:14)

Girls' Edition

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generate the greatest amount of discussion. Sections one and two of each lesson are necessary stepping stones to get to the third. For younger children each lesson could be spread out over more than one class session.

One final note: We prepared this study for use with the New King James Version of the Bible. If you use a different version this should not be a major obstacle. Simply work through the lesson yourself before assigning it to the children. Alert them to any minor changes due to differences in versions.

May the Lord use these studies to cultivate strong bonds of truly *Wise Friendships*.

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Lesson 1

Are You Wise ?

Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Read Proverbs 1:7.
  - a. What is the first stage of wisdom? (Compare Psalm 111:10.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. A fool is the opposite of a wise girl. How does God describe the fool in Prov.1:7? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Read Proverbs 3:7.
  - a. Verse 7 warns us about a bad kind of wisdom. What kind of wisdom is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Reread the second part of v.7. Many church people say they fear the Lord, but how can you tell? (What kind of things do they do?) \_\_\_\_\_  
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The first section *Let's Study from the Bible!* answers the question, "What does the text say?" It gets the children to grasp the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases. In some cases they will have to examine cross-references in order to understand the passage under study. This will help them to see the Proverb in the context of the whole Bible.

The second section *Let's Meditate on the Bible!* answers the question, "What does the text mean?" This section builds on the first by getting the children to think about how the words and phrases of each verse relate to each other in order to communicate a complete thought.

The third section *Let's Live by the Bible!* answers the question "How does the text apply?" In this section the children will be challenged to think about how the Bible truth of the lesson intersects with their lives. When Jesus preached He commanded His hearers to *repent and believe* (Mark 1:15). The apostles understood that the written Word of God would emphasize the same message (2Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, the application section gets the children to think about the changes (i.e. repentance) that need to be made in their own lives and to think about their need to trust (i.e. believe) in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

Be sure to pray for the Lord's blessing and direction as you prepare for each lesson. Begin each session with prayer. Impress upon the children the need to be taught God's Word by the Holy Spirit (Psalm 119:5,9,105; Hebrews 8:10). Also, make it a priority to hide these truths in their hearts through the exercise of memory (Psalm 119:11). Remember that one of the keys to memorization is repetition.

Since this study consists primarily of questions based on Scripture we believe that it could be used for a broad range of ages. Originally it was intended for elementary children from grades 4 thru 6 (ages 8-11). However, with some adaptation it could profitably be used for ages 7-13. For use in a group setting it would be recommended for the children to do the study on their own or at least with a parent. Then in the group discussion you can expect the first section of each lesson to generate the least amount of discussion, whereas the last section of each lesson will be most likely to

## A Note To Parents & Teachers

This series of lessons is entitled *Wise Friendships* for two obvious reasons. First, almost every lesson is devoted to a study within the book of Proverbs. Second, the series focuses on issues related to friendships--being a friend, choosing friends, etc. This booklet comes in two different editions--one for boys and another for girls. Both contain identical content. The differences consist of gender-appropriate pronouns (he, his, him for the boys and she, hers, her for the girls). Only one of the questions has been changed in order to make it more appropriate to the respective gender (see "Let's Meditate" section of lesson 3, #1.e.). For that same reason we changed some of the titles of the lessons as you can see from the list below (e.g. lessons 4 and 8). It gives a brief overview of the lesson themes and Scripture passages.

- Lesson 1: Are You Wise? (Proverbs 1:7, 3:7, 8:13)
- Lesson 2: Why Are You Friendly? (Prov. 14:20-21; 19:4,6-7)
- Lesson 3: A "Loyal" Friend is a "Loving" Friend (Prov. 17:17; 18:24).
- Lesson 4: Fiery Lips & Burnt Friends (Prov. 16:27)  
Hot Lipstick Separates Friends (Girls' Edition)
- Lesson 5: "Deceit" Kills Friendships (Prov. 26:18-19).
- Lesson 6: Friends Wear Christ-like Clothes (Eph. 4:31-32).
- Lesson 7: Choosing Friends. . . HOW!?! (Prov. 12:26; Psalm 1)
- Lesson 8: ChapStick For a Royal Friendship (Prov. 22:11; Matt. 12:33-37) (Girls' edition replaces *Lipstick* for *ChapStick*.)
- Lesson 9: Pay NOW . . . Not LATER (Prov. 3:27-28)

One way to teach children the content of Scripture is to teach them *how* to study the Bible. The lessons of this booklet are intended to be *inductive* Bible studies. By asking legitimate questions of each Bible passage the children will learn how to discover the meaning which God intended. Therefore, each lesson is divided into three parts.

3. Read Proverbs 8:13.
  - a. How does v.13 describe the attitude of the girl who "fears the Lord"? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Reread the second part of v.13. Since God is wise He hates certain things. Verse 13 lists four of them. What are they? God hates...
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. \_\_\_\_\_



## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. Review your "Study From the Bible!" to answer the following questions.
  - a. What is the attitude of wisdom?
    - i. The attitude of wisdom is to fear \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. The attitude of wisdom is to hate \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the activity of wisdom?  
The activity of wisdom is to depart from \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hebrews 11:7 gives an example of a wise man.
  - a. Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What was his attitude? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What was his action? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. In your own words what does it mean to "be wise in your own eyes"? (Pr.3:7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why do you think God hates pride and arrogance? (Pr.8:13) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Give three examples of a "perverse mouth." (Pr. 8:13)  
Example: A perverse mouth carelessly sings praise to God.

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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a. Titus 3:4-7 (especially vv. 4-5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

b. James 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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c. Psalm 34:10 or 84:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Let's not withhold good from our neighbor.

a. List three neighbors from whom you think you might have been "withholding good." (Don't forget that dads and moms, brothers and sisters are also neighbors!)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

b. How will you show goodness to these three neighbors? (Go back to question #4 of the previous section to get some ideas. Remember that good things involve your attitude just as much as your actions.) For each neighbor write down one way you will give good things instead of withholding them.

i. Neighbor #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ii. Neighbor #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

iii. Neighbor #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who are "those to whom good is due"? (Use the following Bible passages to answer this question.)

a. Proverbs 25:21 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Matthew 5:44,46 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Gal. 6:10 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Ephesians 4:28 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Titus 3:1-3,8 lists several ways in which we give good to others. Put a ☹ in front of the ways we "withhold good" and a ☺ in front of the ways we do not "withhold good."

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ don't speak evil about others
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ be peaceable
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ be gentle
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ be humble
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ be foolish
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ be disobedient
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ love pleasure
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ be envious
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ be hateful
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ hate each other
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ look out for the well-being of others



### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Let's do good in the strength of God and by imitating Him. What excites you to open your hand instead of "withholding good"? (Check the passages on the next page.)

### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. List three ways you ought to depart from evil.

a. Example: I must stop talking back to my mom when she tells me to clean my room.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30-31.

a. Keep in mind the three ways you ought to "depart from evil." (See number 1 above.)

b. 1 Corinthians 1:30 says, "Christ Jesus became wisdom for us...". How is this good news for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why should you desire to "depart from evil"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Lesson 2

# Why Are You Friendly?

## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Read Proverbs 14:20-21.
  - a. What kind of problem does the poor person tend to have?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Who gets all the attention? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. According to v.20 what one thing makes the difference between the popular person and the unpopular person? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. God uses another word for hate in v.21. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What does it mean? (Use a dictionary if you need help.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. While you still have your dictionary open look up the meaning of "mercy." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Read the two explanations of "the power of your hand:" 1) It refers to your physical strength (that is, the power of your muscles). 2) It refers to opportunities that are available to you. Which explanation fits best with Proverbs 3:27-28? \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (Put the best number in the blank.)
5. How would you label the person described in Pr.3:27-28? (Circle the best answer.)
  - a. God-centered (worshipful)
  - b. neighbor-centered (caring)
  - c. self-centered (selfish)



## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. How does verse 28 describe the sin against the ninth commandment? ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.") \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How do verses 27-28 describe the sin against the eighth commandment? ("You shall not steal.") If you are stuck get a hint from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 111. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lesson 9

Pay NOW...  
Not LATER.

Let's Study from the Bible!

Put your bookmark in Proverbs 3 and read vv. 27-28.

1. Circle the synonyms of "withhold."
 

a. hold back	e. dog
b. give away	f. keep from
c. reserve	g. release
d. retain	h. keep
  
2. According to v.27 what should be given away? (Answer with one word.) \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What words come to your mind when you hear the word "due"? (Circle the right ones.)
 

a. something owed	f. fitting
b. unpaid debt (or bill)	g. deserve
c. return library books	h. right
d. privilege	i. reward
e. owner	j. payment

f. Reread Proverbs 14:20-21. Match the words on the left with the most appropriate phrase on the right.

- |       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| poor  | one who has many friends  |
| sin   | one who despises neighbor |
| happy | one who is hated          |
| rich  | one who shows mercy       |

2. Read Proverbs 19:4, 6-7
  - a. Who do people usually go to for favors? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What seems to be a sure way of making friends? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Who hate the poor in v.7? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How strongly do so called friends hate the poor friend? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. What ideas do you usually associate with neighbors? (Circle all the words that apply.) kind helpful mean unfamiliar friendly stranger outsider generous favorable disagreeable companion partner competitor sociable peaceable close devoted warm faithful hostile
  
2. Reread Proverbs 14:20. Why do you think the poor man is hated by his "own neighbor"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Proverbs 14:21 says despising ones neighbor is sin. Keep in mind that sin is any thought, word or action that breaks **God's** law. What kind of friendships does sin destroy? (Clue: Matthew 22:37-40) A Friendship with  
Friendships with

4. Give two examples of how the "happy" person in Proverbs 14:21 might show "mercy" to the poor.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Reread Prov. 19:6. Are "favours" and "gifts" good reasons for being friends with someone else? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Proverbs 19:7 describes how the poor man is treated. Describe the opposite treatment. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Reread Proverbs 22:11. If you cannot buy "Grace" brand lipstick then what does it mean to have grace on your lips? (See Ephesians 4:29.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Think of a time (recently) when you did not have grace on your lips. How did this hurt your relationship with your friend or your brother or sister, or your dad or mom? (They are to be your friends, too.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Reread Proverbs 22:11. You can have friends with other kids without having a pure heart, but you must have a pure heart to be friends with The King. Who is that King? (See Matthew 5:8.) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where does a clean heart come from so that a young person like you can be friends with The King? (See Hebrews 9:11-14, especially v.14.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Psalm 119:1 describes the lifestyle of those who are friends with the King. Fill in the blanks and memorize it.  
"Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in the way,  
who walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord!  
Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_,  
who \_\_\_\_\_ Him with a whole \_\_\_\_\_!"

c. What kind of things come out of a "pure" heart? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

d. How does the condition of your heart affect your speech?

\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Reread Proverbs 22:11. Who might be "The king"? (See Proverbs 1:1.) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Imagine why a king would write Proverbs 22:11. Put a ✓ in front of the items that would be different in our nation if every citizen loved a pure heart and had grace on her lips.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ No stores would ever get robbed.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ No one would make a practice of telling lies.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ It would be useless to read the Bible.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Girls would not like to tell dirty jokes.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Girls would not delight in poking fun of other girls or boys.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ It would be no fun for brothers and sisters to fight with one another.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ It would be unnecessary to go to church.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ Girls and boys would happily obey their parents and teachers.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Few people would be interested in talking about Jesus.
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ People would take better care of their sick neighbors.

### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Train your mind to think the way God thinks.  
a. Who were some of Jesus' friends? (See Matthew 9:10-11; or 11:19.) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Give the "only" reason why God would make friends with a girl like you. (See Romans 5:8.) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Think of your best friend (or one of your best friends). Why do you like her as a friend? (List three reasons.)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Look at the three reasons in number 2. Are these reasons wise or foolish? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. In many groups of girls there can be at least one or two that always get left out. (They are the ones who are usually chosen last when picking teams. When the girls get together to tell secrets she is the one whom nobody tells.) Do you know any girls like this? (Think hard.) List two ways that you can show "mercy" to the girl who gets left behind.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson 3

# A "Loyal" Friend is a "Loving" Friend

## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Read Proverbs 17:17.
  - a. How often does a friend love? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. List two ways that love behaves. (Hint: Read 1Corinthians 13:4-7.)
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. List two ways that love does not behave. (1Cor.13:4-7)
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Reread v.17. What is adversity? (Check your dictionary.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Match the words in the left column with their definition in the right column. Put the letter of the definition in the blank in front of the appropriate word.

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|--------------|---|
| _____ Loves  | a. to show goodness, favor and kindness to others; to be courteous to others;   |
| _____ Purity | b. to delight in; to take pleasure in; to appreciate deeply; to be devoted to someone or something;   |
| _____ Heart  | c. the pieces of skin around the opening of your mouth which help you to pronounce your words;  |
| _____ Grace  | d. your inward being; (If you were an apple, this would be your core. Also, it is the organ inside your chest which pumps blood and sustains life.) |
| _____ Lips   | e. clean; unstained from sin; clean thoughts; clean words; clean actions; innocent before the law   |



## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. Read Matthew 12:33-37
  - a. Will eating dirt make your heart dirty? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What kind of things come out of a "dirty" heart? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lesson 8

# Lipstick For A Royal Friendship

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## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Place your bookmark at Proverbs 22:11.
  
2. Some times it is difficult to make friends. If you could make friends with kings you could probably make friends with anybody. According to Proverbs 22:11 what two things are most likely in helping you to gain a friendship with a king?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. List two Bible characters who became friends with a king. (Hint: See Genesis 41:37 & Daniel 1:6.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read Proverbs 18:24 (in the New King James Version).
  - a. Explain how a brother (or sister) can be "close"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b. Give a real life example of a friend that "sticks close." \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. How often does a friend love? Put an "X" in front of the best answers.
  - a. \_\_\_ She loves most of the time, but especially during the fun times.
  - b. \_\_\_ She loves even when her friend is sick.
  - c. \_\_\_ She loves only when she feels like being loving.
  - d. \_\_\_ She loves when her grandpa dies of a heart attack.
  - e. \_\_\_ She loves when her friend is excited about her new baby brother.
  - f. \_\_\_ She loves only when her friend shares candy.

2. Go back to Proverbs 17:17. Why is it comforting to have a brother (or any close family member) during a time of adversity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. If a brother (or sister) is likely to be a comfort during times of adversity then what is Proverbs 18:24 saying about a special friend? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. In the New Testament the twelve disciples had a friend who stuck closer than a brother. Who was He? (Hint: Read John 15:15. To find out who is speaking in v.15 you will have to back up to John 14:23.) \_\_\_\_\_ How does that friend stick closer to them than a brother? (See John 15:13.) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The disciples' friend also made friends with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (See Luke 7:34.)



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### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. List the three most important things you should look for in choosing your friends.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Think about your friends.

a. Do they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. What qualities of a Christian do you see in their lives that show that they love the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who must be the best friend of a righteous girl? (Hint: See John 15:14-15.) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you the kind of person that the righteous should make friends with?

\_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Think of a time that you have been led astray by a friend. Tell what you would do differently in that same situation. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- f. \_\_\_\_\_ She is compared to chaff which is tossed to and fro by the wind. She has no direction or purpose in life.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ She is productive, that is loving, joyful, patient, etc.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ She will live with God forever.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ For her the Lord has planned a glorious future.

2. Who receives the greatest blessing? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What would the righteous be giving up if they would follow the leading of the wicked? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What test can you use to determine if another girl would be a good friend? (Hint: John 14:14 or 1John 2:3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Learn 1 Corinthians 15:33 "by heart." Then try to write it from memory in these blanks. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Finish this lesson on the next page. ➡

## Let's Live by the Bible!

1. On Friday you plan to have your best friend over night. But on Thursday evening the most popular girl phones to invite you to her birthday party the next day. What should you do?
  - a. Ask your best friend to come over another night.
  - b. Call your friend and tell her that you are sick.
  - c. Just cancel the plans with your best friend. Go to the birthday party. Hope that she understands and will forgive you.
  - d. Tell the popular girl you cannot come this time, but maybe she can invite you and your friend next time.
2. Which answer in #1 is the best? \_\_\_\_ Give your reasons why:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which answer in #1 is the worst? \_\_\_\_ Give your reasons why:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. How does loyalty preserve your friendships? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why is Jesus' loyal friendship necessary for you to be a loyal friend? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lesson 4

# Hot Lipstick Separates Friends

## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Read Proverbs 16:27.
  - a. An "ungodly" girl is one who: (Circle the best answers.)
    - i. is mostly selfish.
    - ii. does not desire to live for God.
    - iii. loves to go to church every Sunday.
    - iv. is happy to please her parents.
    - v. thinks it is fun to tell lies.
  - b. What is the opposite of "digging up"? (Circle the right answer.) **burying**    **shoveling**    **scooping**
  - c. What does a burning fire do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What is "like a burning fire"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Proverbs 16:28.
  - a. Use your dictionary to give the following definitions:
 

"perverse": \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

"strife": \_\_\_\_\_

5. What happens if this command is not obeyed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. In your own words identify the wicked. (Who are they?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Use your dictionary to define "astray"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. Read Psalm 1 in order to compare the blessings of the righteous with the character of the wicked. Using Psalm 1 put a ☺ in front of the following statements that apply to the righteous girl and a ☹ in front of the ones that apply to the wicked girl.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ She is happy to obey God's laws
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ She trembles at the judgment of God when He comes.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ She will perish in hell.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ She reads the Bible and loves God's word.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ She is secure and strong only in the love of God.

Lesson 7

# Choosing Friends...HOW!?!

## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Read Proverbs 12:26. Define the righteous by putting a ✓ in the blank before the right answer(s).
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ those who always have the right answers
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ those whose wrong doing is not held against them by God because of Jesus' death on the cross.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ those who obey the 10 commandments
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ those who do nice things for others
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ those who love Jesus
  
2. What are the righteous commanded to do in Proverbs 12:26?  
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3. What is the key word in that command? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What word or words is the opposite of the "key" word? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. What do farmers usually sow? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. In what way is the "perverse man" like a farmer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- d. List two reasons why people would lower their voice to a whisper.
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. Reread Proverbs 16:27.
  - a. List three "evils" that the ungodly might "dig up." (Keep in mind that after she digs them up they burn on her lips. That means she can't wait to tell about them.)
    - i. (I will get you started with the most difficult one.)  
Slander is an evil which spreads a false report.
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_  
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    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. How do these "evils" destroy like a "burning fire"?
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Reread Proverbs 16:28. List two ways in which girls sometimes "sow strife." (Which "seeds" grow into strife?)

Example: Sometimes I tease my brother or sister by hiding their favorite toy. It soon leads to fighting.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What kind of "whispering" threatens to separate the best of friends? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Which of the following evils have you been digging up? (Reread Proverbs 16:27-28.)

a. Sometimes my group of friends tells 'dirty' jokes.

b. Sometimes I am a tattletale. I dig up the bad things of my

a. In which situations of your life can your attitude be compared to the taste of a dill pickle? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. When do you find yourself thinking (or saying), "I can't wait to get back at her for what she has done to me?" \_\_\_\_\_

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c. It is not accurate to say, "That makes me angry!" No one or nothing can make you to be angry. Instead you allow yourself to become angry. What were the circumstances last time you became angry? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Think back to the last time when you were quarreling with your brother, sister or friend. (If you can't remember ask your dad or mom.) What were you quarreling over? \_\_\_\_\_

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e. How have you hurt someone by the words you have spoken? (List one instance from your life.) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Now review the "Put On" list from the previous page. In your mind think how you could follow these instructions to redo the things in your life that need to be "put off." Talk it over with your parents and bring your insights to class.

2. Explain what it means to "put off." Use any one of the items in the "Put Off" list in order to illustrate your explanation. \_

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3. Explain what it means to "put on." Use any one of the items in the "Put On" list in order to illustrate your explanation. \_\_\_\_

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4. Reread Ephesians 4:32. How would you define "forgive"? Choose the correct answer.

- a. "You wronged me, but I promise never to bring it up again. I will not hold it against you any more."
- b. "I will forget about your wrong doing on the condition that you never do it again."



### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Go back to the previous page and quickly review the "Put Off" list. By using the questions on the next page identify the things in your life that need to be put off.

brother or sister and tell them to my mom.

- c. Sometimes I tell lies.
- d. Sometimes I remember (dig out of my memory) bad things about other girls. Then I tell them to others.
- e. Sometimes I make up stories about people (parents, brothers, sisters, friends). Then I tell them to others just for fun.
- f. Sometimes I say things to my family members or friends in order to hurt them with my words.
- g. Sometimes I tell secrets about others behind their backs.
- h. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Reread the evils in #1. Choose four of them and explain how you would "bury" each of these evils?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Read Isaiah 53:7-8. According to this passage why is Jesus' sacrifice on the cross necessary in order for you to be friends with God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Lesson 5

# "Deceit" Kills Friendships!

## Let's Study from the Bible!

Read Proverbs 26:18-19.

1. Circle the words that describe a "madman."

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|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|
| crazy  | rough    | uncaring    | considerate    |
| tender | wild     | violent     | mischief maker |
| gentle | hateful  | thoughtful  |                |
| polite | ruthless | destructive |                |

2. In the left column list the weapons of the "madman" which match the definition in the right column.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ a pointed stick shot from a bow  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ a burning or glowing piece of wood  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of physical life

3. The word "like" at the beginning of v.18 is a word that compares. Which two things are being compared? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Read Ephesians 4:32 then list the three things that are opposite to bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Whose example are we to follow in our relationships with friends and family? \_\_\_\_\_



## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. If you trip and fall in the mud you have to change your clothes. Look again at Ephesians 4:31-32. Notice how these instruction are like changing clothes. In the left column list the lifestyle clothes you must "Put Off." In the right column list the lifestyle clothes you must "Put On."

"PUT OFF"

"PUT ON"

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Lesson 6

# Friends Wear Christ-like Clothes

## Let's Study from the Bible!

1. Match the definition in the right column with the correct words in the left column. Read Ephesians 4:31.

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| ___ bitterness    | a. loud quarreling   |
| ___ wrath         | b. feeling very sorry for yourself, holding a grudge against someone                 |
| ___ anger         | c. saying things that hurt people  |
| ___ clamor        | d. a very strong feeling of displeasure; rage  |
| ___ evil speaking | e. the kind of anger that says, "I am going to get you back for what you did to me!" |

2. According to v.31 what ought to be done with bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking? "Let it be \_\_\_\_\_."

4. Define the word "deceive." (Use a dictionary if you need help.)

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5. Who is your neighbor? (Choose the best answer.)

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. your brother/sister           | you know             |
| b. someone who lives next to you | e. all the above     |
| c. someone you meet in the store | f. none of the above |
| d. a bully that                  |                      |

6. What does it mean when someone says, "I was only joking"?

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## Let's Meditate on the Bible!

1. Think back to the three weapons used by the "madman." What kind of destruction results from using each one of these weapons? (List your answers in order from the least harmful to the most harmful.)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. List three examples of times when you or your friends have heard or said, "I was only joking (teasing)"?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. For each one of your examples, explain how the joking (teasing) affected the relationship between the one who was teased and the one who did the teasing.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Go back to the examples in #2. (a) With an orange or yellow crayon underline those that hurt the friendship like a "firebrand." (b) With a red crayon underline those that hurt the friendship like an "arrow." (c) With a black crayon underline those that brought death to the friendship.



### Let's Live by the Bible!

1. Practicing "deceit" is like throwing "firebrands, arrows and death."

a. What is the opposite of practicing "deceit"? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What instrument of the body is most often used for throwing these weapons? \_\_\_\_\_

c. List two ways that you will work toward bringing life to your friendships instead of death.

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Go back to the examples that you gave in #2 of the "Let's Meditate" section. For each example, explain what should have been done instead.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is it ever right for the Christian to tease or to play jokes? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why should Christians be thankful that Jesus never practiced deceit? (Hint: see John 14:6.) \_\_\_\_\_