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WHAT'S IN THIS *Study?*

Day 1: Your Captain

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Day 7: Friends Keep Promises

Day 8: Friends Are Faithful

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Day 10: Friends Stand Together

Day 11: Friends Work Things Out

Day 12: Friends Listen

Day 13: Friends Celebrate Each Other

Day 14: Friends Pray for Each Other

Day 15: Friends Put Each Other First

Day 16: Building Friendships

Day 17: Accountability in Friendships

Day 18: Changing Friendships

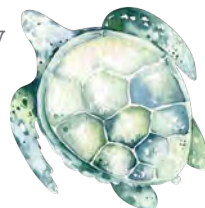
Day 19: Harmful Friendships

Day 20: Review

Primary Level
Ages 4-7

Life is a lot like a long journey on a ship. Some days are sunny and pleasant. Other days are rainy and dreary. And sometimes there are days when the howling wind and crashing waves are bigger than you can handle on your own. That's why God gave us friends.

Just like a ship can't sail across the sea with only one person aboard, we aren't meant to do life alone. In this Bible study, we will learn how to navigate, or sail through our friendships and how those friends help us.



Read *John 15:15*. Who is your friend?

Jesus is your friend. He laid down His life for you. He cares about you, comforts you, and keeps you safe. He's always working things out for your good. He guides you and directs your path. That is the ULTIMATE picture of friendship--Jesus, your friend and your captain.

Read *Proverbs 18:24*. Who do you think the second part of that verse is talking about?

Jesus is our friend who is closer than a brother. What does that mean? It means that Jesus not only wants to be our friend, but He is also a friend who is always there for us.

No matter where we are or what we're doing, our friend Jesus will always be there to listen to us and care for us. Most importantly, Jesus is always here to guide us. He's our ship's CAPTAIN!

JESUS WILL *always* BE YOUR CAPTAIN AND FRIEND.

Draw a picture of you and your captain, Jesus, sailing on a ship together.



PRAYER:

As we close today, pray and thank Jesus for always being your friend and your captain in life. Tell Him how thankful you are that He guides you safely.

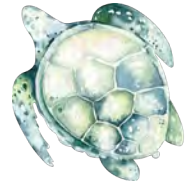
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Junior Level
Ages 8-12

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Before we climb aboard, write or draw what friendship means to you.

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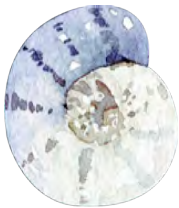
Do you have a best friend or a close friend? What is he/she like?

Did you know that you have a best friend who is even BETTER than the friend you described above?

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Youth Level
Ages 12 and up

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Before we climb aboard, write what you think friendship is and what it involves.

Did you know that the Bible has a lot to say about friends? It's true! There are stories of both good and bad friendships, proverbs and wise words about friendships, and even the most beautiful picture of friendship you will ever see. (Can you already guess what that will be?)

Often when people talk about friendship, they talk about "best friends." Do you have a best friend or a close friend? What is he/she like?

Did you know that you have a best friend who is even BETTER than the friend you described above?

Read *John 15:12-15*. Who is your friend and what is the ultimate act of love?

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How has Jesus guided and directed you? How has He been there for you?



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Parent Guide

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Who are some of the friends that have meant a lot to you over the years?

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Before we climb aboard, how would you define and describe friendship?

The kids are going to answer this question and reference it at the end to see how much they learned. During discussion, be sure they have taken the time to really answer it.

Read *John 15:12-15*. Who is your first friend and what is His ultimate act of love?

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How has Jesus guided and directed you? How has He been there for you?

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SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 18:24

KEY TRUTH: Jesus is your captain.

DISCUSSION:

What do you think we will learn in this study?

Who is your captain and first friend?

What makes Jesus your ultimate friend?