



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

PEER RELATIONSHIPS
WEEK 1 WHO ARE MY REAL FRIENDS?

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What game do you love to play with family or friends?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Blank sheet of paper 1 Crayon packet
Per Group	1 Loyalty Challenge activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their paper and crayons
You Keep	Activity supplement and unwanted papers and crayons (<i>throw away/recycle</i>)

To Do

Say: Godly friends are loyal. Being loyal means you're there for your friends, no matter what. Loyalty might take teamwork or makes things harder. But loyalty can be fun, too! Let's do some loyalty challenges together!

1. **Read** the **On Your Own Challenge** from box number one on the activity supplement to your group. **Help** kids **complete** it.
2. **Read** the **Loyalty Challenge** from box number one to your group. **Help** kids **complete** it.
3. **Ask** the **Challenge Question** from box number one and **talk** about it as a group.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 for boxes 2 and 3.
 - **For box 2:** Give kids a blank sheet of paper and crayon packet. They can do the **On Your Own Challenge** on one side of the paper and do the **Loyalty Challenge** on the other side.
5. **As time allows**, kids **make up** new challenges for the group to try.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Good friends are loyal.

Proverbs 17:17 NLT

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

1. **In the Bible verse, what do good brothers, sisters, and friends do?** *Stay loyal and help when you need it*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to be loyal?** *Be honest, be kind, and be there for friends—even if it's not fun for you.*
2. **Give some examples of ways to be loyal.** *Ideas: Be there for friends even when it's not fun, keep promises, stand up for them, help them, etc.*
3. **Name some actions you think aren't loyal.** *Ideas: Leaving people out, making fun of them, saying you're not friends anymore, breaking promises, lying, etc.*
4. **How is God loyal to us?** *Ideas: He listens, forgives, keeps His promises, sent Jesus to die for our sins, etc.*
5. **Talk about a time you were loyal to a friend.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do to be loyal when your friend is upset?** *Ask them what they need, pray with them, listen to them, ask God to help them, etc.*
2. **Name a loyal friend or family member. What can you learn from them about being loyal?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for showing love and loyalty to us. Please help us show it to others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. Encourage **kids to talk** about what's on their mind and **do the challenges** again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. Tell parents to **take a pic** of the parent convo card at the door to help **continue the conversation** at home.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.