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MARCH NEWSLETTER

During March, our monthly focus is on friendship. We'll study the friendship of Ruth and Naomi, found in Ruth 1:15-18. We'll be teaching your child what it means to be a friend and how he/she can be friend to others.

Join us in teaching your toddler that **God Wants Me To Be A Friend** by singing the March songs with your child (listed below) and supplementing the activities done in eKidz at home with your child. Check out the ideas on page 2.

Use the Prayer Time Song each time you pray with your child - it's a great way to engage them in prayer time.



Check out the blog every Monday for a recap of what your child learned in eKidz. www.elevationKidz.com

MONTHLY FOCUS

GOD WANTS ME TO BE A FRIEND

BIBLE STORY

Ruth 1:15-18

PRAYER TIME SONG

to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Time to talk to Jesus now,
Jesus now, Jesus now.
Time to talk to Jesus now,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to fold our hands,
Fold our hands, fold our hands.
Time for us to fold our hands,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to bow our heads,
Bow our heads, bow our heads.
Time for us to bow our heads,
Quietly we'll pray.



Little Friends

(to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")
(Hold hands and walk in a circle)

One little, two little, three little friends,
Four little, five little, six little friends,
Seven little, eight little, nine little friends.

What is your name, friend? (Point to a child and say name)

Repeat until each family member has said his/her name.

Different Friends

(to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Love, love, love your friends,
Different as they seem.
Playing, laughing, joking, helping,
True friends make a great team!

Repeat.



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Listed in bold are the activities your child completed in eKidz. Use the activities they completed with the information below to supplement what they are learning this month. Each activity reviews our monthly focus and Bible story, and provides you focused interaction with your child.

God Wants Me To Be A Friend coloring page - Read the story of Ruth and Naomi from Ruth 1:15-18 to your child. Using your child's coloring page, review the story and our monthly focus, **God wants me to be a friend**, with him/her. As Ruth stayed with Naomi in a hard time, teach your child that he/she can be a friend in both the good and the bad times. Take your child's *God Wants Me To Be A Friend* coloring page and place it on your fridge at your child's eye level.

'I Love My Friends' Picture Frame craft - One way to teach your child about friendship is to show them pictures of their friends and remind them why they are friends. Your child decorated a 'My Friend and I' magnetic picture frame in eKidz. With your child's help, choose a picture of your child and one of their friends to place in the picture frame and then place the frame in their room, where he/she can see it. Every time your child sees the picture ask them, 'Who is your friend in that picture? Why are you friends? Say, "God wants us to be friends. I'm so happy you are a good friend to _____."'

'_____ is a friend' nameplate - Your child had fun decorating their very own '_____ is a friend' nameplate. Take your child's nameplate and place it on their bedroom door. Each night as your child walks in their room to go to bed, review the monthly focus, **God wants me to be a friend**. Ask your child, 'what do you like to do with your friends? (*Playing, swinging, eating snack, coloring, etc.*) How can you be a friend to others?' (*Sharing toys, saying kind words, giving a hug when their friend is sad, etc.*) Say, "You are a great friend! Repeat after me, '_____ (*insert your child's name*) is a friend!'"

A Friend Loves At All Times coloring page - As we teach your child about friendship in eKidz through coloring pages, activities, and crafts, you can show them how to be a friend at home. Your child had fun coloring 'A Friend Loves At All Times.' Have your color another picture to give to a friend. (Check the eKidz Blog this week to print the coloring page your child colored in eKidz.) Mail or deliver the picture to your child's friend. Say to your child, "Making things for friends, like pictures or cookies, is one way to be a friend. Repeat after me, **God wants me to be a friend!**"

Give A High Five craft - Your child had fun greeting friends in eKidz today! Your child decorated a giant hand with crayons and paint and practiced giving high fives to their friends. Give your child a high five and say "_____ (*insert your child's name*) is a friend like God teaches us to be! Repeat after me, 'I am a friend!'"

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