

GOD IS OUR FRIEND

UPVPC KIDS ONLINE: Psalm 25

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

David writes a song praising God. In it, he talks about characteristics of God that sound a lot like a friend! God is trustworthy, gives good advice, loves you, forgives you, helps you make right choices, and helps when you're in trouble. What an amazing friend!



WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- 2 Pieces of Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Markers or Pen
- Tape
- 20 Random household or classroom items
- Blanket
- Pen & Paper
- Timer

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

GOD IS OUR FRIEND - FRIENDSHIP CHAIN: Students make a friendship chain using construction paper as a reminder that God's love has no end.

WHAT MAKES A FRIEND - Families will re-read Psalm 25 and talk about ways that God is our friend.

GOD NEVER FORGETS A FRIEND - Students will use a memory game to learn more about God's care for them.

FRIENDSHIP CHAIN:

- 1) Fold and cut each piece of construction paper into 8 strips for a total of 16 strips of paper.
- 2) Re-read Psalm 25 and choose words that describe God and His love for us.
- 3) Write one word on each strip.
- 4) Use tape to link the strips together to make a chain, alternating colors if you are using two different colors of paper.
- 5) Hang it up to have as a reminder that God is always our friend.



WHAT MAKES A FRIEND:

Psalm 25 has five short sections. As a family throughout the week, read one section a day for five days over dinner or in the car.

Talk about what the verses you read show you about how God is our friend.

Use these sections:

- 1) Psalm 25:1-3
- 2) Psalm 25:4-7
- 3) Psalm 25: 8-10
- 4) Psalm 25: 11-15
- 5) Psalm 25: 16-22



GOD NEVER FORGETS A FRIEND:

- 1) Gather 20 Household, Classroom or craft supplies and set on a table or on the floor.
- 2) Cover the items with a blanket.
- 3) Give each student a pen and a piece of paper. Tell students you are going to remove the blanket and they will have 30 seconds to memorize everything that is under the blanket. They may not use their pens and paper yet.
- 4) Remove the blanket and start the timer for 30 seconds.
- 5) After 30 seconds, cover up the items again with the blanket and ask kids to write down all the items they saw on the paper.

Discuss:

- Do you ever struggle to remember things?

God designed our brains and how our memories work, and even though we can struggle to remember things, God never does. God will never forget you because he cares for you and always loves you. God is our friend who never forgets us.