



A HEART OF WISDOM

LESSON 10: A Wise Friend

We believe that you are your child's first and most important spiritual leader. To support you that mission, we have created this tool to go along with each lesson your grade school age children are learning at Quest on Sundays.

SECTION VERSE

PROVERBS 2:9-10

“Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”

LESSON VERSE

PROVERBS 17:17

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”



WISDOM CHOOSES FRIENDS CAREFULLY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read & discuss Prov. 17:9-22
- What is a friend?
- Who is your closest friend? Why?
- What does God say makes for a good friend? Not good friend?
- How can you become a good friend? (Spend time with the best friend, Jesus, in His Word and in prayer).



TRAIL GUIDE DEVOTIONAL

Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another. -Proverbs 27:17

LESSON 10: Friends - Choose wisely

There are two lessons that we'd like to teach the children in this Quest. The first is how to be a friend worth choosing. The second is to choose their friends wisely. One of my favorite examples of friendship from scripture is that of David and Jonathan. Jonathan proved to be a friend worth choosing. His loyalty, bravery, integrity, and love for David even unto death are characteristics we can all admire and seek to emulate. David chose his friend wisely and did not forget him after he was gone. "Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" - 2 Samuel 9:1. David then took Mephibosheth, Jonathan's disabled son, and brought him into his house and treated him as family. It doesn't stretch credulity to think that perhaps David himself shared these words of wisdom with his own son Solomon, "A friend loves at all times," and "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," as he reflected back on his friendship with Jonathan.

We want our kids to have a godly desire to be, and seek God's grace to be, that kind of friend. A friend who leads others on good paths, spurs others on to faith and good works, speaks words that edify, is loyal and reliable, looks out for their friends, brings out the best in others, and loves at all times with the sacrificial love of Christ.

Equally important is that our children wisely choose this kind of friend for themselves. How many of us have used this phrase of a young person gone astray; "He/she fell in with the wrong crowd"? Don't misunderstand, Jesus was a friend to sinners and so should we be. However, there is a qualitative difference between the unbelieving friend, to whom you can be a witness for Christ, and a close friend with whom you have fellowship in Christ, share your deepest struggles, and depend upon to correct you when you need it. The latter must be chosen very carefully. The warnings are plenty. "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin" (Prov 18:24), "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person...or you may learn their ways" (Prov 22:24-25). "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Cor. 15:33). When it comes to choosing close friends we need to help the children develop a godly vision for choosing wisely.



MEDITATING ON THE WORD

**Proverbs 18:24, 27:5-6,
22:24-25
1 Corinthians 15:33**