



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Drama (And How to Deal)
Week 1: Friend Drama

Icebreaker Question

What's the silliest thing you and a friend ever fought over?

The Verse

Colossians 3:13-14 NLT

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Order of Experience

Countdown/Hang Out
Icebreaker in Small Groups
Emcee Welcome
Worship
Emcee Transition to Message
Message/Salvation
Offering
Announcements
Activity/Small Group
Small Group Discussion
Check Out

Small Group Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this series:

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Big Question

Why is friendship important?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. Talk about a time one of your friends let you down or got on your nerves. What did you do to restore your friendship? Or, what *could* you do to restore your friendship?
3. How important do you think forgiveness is to keep friendships strong?
4. Read **Colossians 3:13-14**. Why are Christians expected to forgive others?
5. Have you ever had to ask a friend to forgive you for something? Talk about what happened. What would it be like if no one forgave you when you messed up? *Note: Encourage students to share, and don't allow anyone to be shamed for their mistakes. You can share an age-appropriate story if needed.*
6. If a friend is continually hurting your feelings or disrespectful, should you forgive them? And should you still hang around them? *Ideas: Yes, we must forgive one another. You can let the anger go. But you don't have to hang around someone who is hurting you! It's okay to forgive and move on.*
7. Pray together. Pray that your students would learn to forgive others the way God forgave them.

Leader Notes/Announcements

- *Promote **Swerve** and **Switch** to your 6th grade students.
- *Tell your students about the **YouVersion Bible Plan** and encourage them to complete it together as a group or with their families using Plans with Friends.