

# GODTime

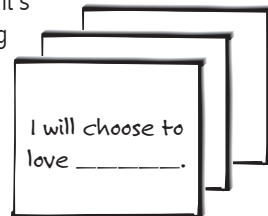
Day 1

Read Proverbs 17:17

Week 1 01

God created friendship, He's an expert on it, and He wants to tell us how to be a true friend in the Bible. If you want to have and be a true friend, who better to advise you than God? A TRUE friend loves you and is there for you, even when trouble comes. If you want a TRUE friend, you have to CHOOSE to be that kind of friend.

Who are you choosing to love right now even though it's challenging? It might be someone who's really getting on your nerves or has said or done something that's hurt you. Write **I will choose to love** and that person's name on 3 index cards and put them where you can see them daily.



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THANK God for your friends.

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Day 2

Read Galatians 5:13

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You can be a TRUE friend with your actions, like the way you serve a friend. God doesn't just want us to read about serving others. He wants us to put His Word into action! How could you serve the friend whose name you wrote down in Day 1? Could you help them with something at school, give them your time and attention, or even make them something yummy to eat?

Write at least 2 ways you can serve that friend and put those ways into action today or this week.

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ASK God to show you ways to serve your friends.

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Day 4

Read Colossians 3:13

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You can be a TRUE friend by forgiving. Sometimes being hurt or embarrassed by a friend and our wrong reaction can derail a friendship. God tells us in today's verse what to do to keep our relationships on track ... FORGIVE! It is natural to want to strike back. Our feelings aren't wrong, but what we do can be right or wrong. It is amazing how God heals the hurt when we make the choice to forgive.



Make a **†** out of sticks, construction paper, straws, etc. Hang it in your room as a reminder to choose forgiveness because of how God forgives you. Think of the friend from Day 1 ... do you need to forgive him or her for anything?



KNOW that God forgives you and you can forgive your friends.

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Day 3

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Week 1 01

You can be a TRUE friend with your words. We must be aware and very careful when choosing our words. God wants us to build up those around us with our words, not tear down and discourage with our words. We build up with words of encouragement, truth, and love even if other friends aren't doing that for us right now.



Write the words of today's verse on a paper or plastic cup. From a supply of pennies or nickels, drop a coin in the cup every time you speak words that build up and encourage your friend from Day 1. See how long it takes to fill up the cup. Use the money to help someone out!

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LOOK for opportunities to build up with your words.