**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  We grow together.  **Faith Verse**  [Matthew 18:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt18.20) (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: Who encourages you to be the best person you can be?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** [Proverbs 27:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Pr27.17)

Who is your best friend? Best friends are pretty special. A best friend is someone you can talk to, someone who will always be there for you. You love spending time with them, learning about their interests, and sharing life with them.

[Proverbs 27:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Pr27.17) says that friends sharpen each other. What that means is that our best friend can help us grow closer to God. Not only should our best friend do that for us, but we should do that for them too. God gives us people in our life to help us, and we need each other!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What do you think the Bible means by, “a friend sharpens a friend”?  **Answer 1.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 2.** How should this verse impact the way we choose our friends?  **Answer 2**. Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3**. How do you help your friends grow closer to God?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** Why is helping each other grow closer to God important?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** Who is a friend you could encourage this week?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for my friends and for the people in my life who want the best for me and challenge me to grow. God, help me to be a friend and encourage my friends to grow closer to You. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  We grow together.  **Faith Verse**  [Matthew 18:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt18.20) (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: How have you shown love to others this week?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** [Romans 12:9–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro12.9-10)

Have you ever seen someone do something nice because they wanted something in return? In life, you are going to experience that sometimes. It may be hard to know if someone’s actions are sincere. [Romans 12:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro12.10) says to love others with “genuine affection.” When we love others, we shouldn’t just love them for what they can do for us, but we should love them because God loves them.

Also, we should honor and encourage each other. When someone is in need, we should look for ways to help, even if that might be inconvenient at times. We can show love in our everyday life by how we interact with and care for others.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What do you think the phrase “genuine affection” means?  **Answer 1.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 2.** How do you know if someone’s actions are genuine?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How do you show honor to someone?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** When dealing with others, why is it important to “hold tightly to what is good”?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you ensure that you have “genuine affection” for others?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You so much for loving me. Help me share Your love with others. Help me to follow the Holy Spirit’s direction in showing love to others. Help me love others as You do. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  We grow together.  **Faith Verse**  [Matthew 18:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt18.20) (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: When has someone encouraged you?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** [Hebrews 10:24–25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb10.24-25)

Here is a special job just for you: you need to fold one thousand paper airplanes. That would take a very long time. Now imagine having ten friends help you by each folding one thousand paper airplanes. That seems like a lot more fun. When one of you gets tired or wants to give up, someone is there to encourage them to keep going. Also, you can complete the task faster if you have help.

Living as a Christian is like this too. Spending time together, laughing, talking, and learning are all important. Christians need each other and these experiences help us bond. Then, we have people we can look to for help when life gets hard. It is important for us to have people who love us, encourage us, and help us grow in our faith.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Why is meeting together with other believers important?  **Answer 1.** Scripture tells us to meet together. ([Hebrews 10:25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb10.25)) |
| **Question 2.** How can you encourage another Christian?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How can Christians motivate each other “to acts of love and good works”?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What does it look like when you get together with other Christians?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What kind of encouragement do you need?  **Answer 5**. Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for my church and for my friends at church. God, help me and my church friends to grow together in our walk with You and help us encourage each other. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  We grow together.  **Faith Verse**  [Matthew 18:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt18.20) (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: How are you unique?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** [1 Corinthians 12:18–26](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Co12.18-26)

The human body is incredible. Many different parts come together to make your body. All of those parts work together to do simple tasks like sitting, raising your hand, or eating your favorite snack.

The Church, also called the body of Christ, is like that, too. God has given each of us different gifts and talents, and we need to work together. No gift or talent is greater than another, but when Christians work together it creates something beautiful.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What happens when people don’t work together?  **Answer 1.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 2.** In the church, what are some different gifts and talents that a person might have?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** What are some things that can be done only when Christians work together?  **Answer 3.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 4.** How can you encourage someone who has a different gift or talent than you?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you help someone who is going through a hard time?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for our different gifts and talents and how we all need each other. Use me to encourage others to use their gifts for You. Help me grow in the gifts and talents You have given me. Amen.