

WEEK 2

CONVERSATION GUIDE

FINDING FRIENDS

THIS SERIES

You've probably had an experience or two that has taught you the power of a good friendship and the danger of a destructive one. This is never more true than during the teenage years, when teenagers are the most susceptible they'll ever be to the influence of their peers. Teenagers, though, sometimes have difficulty seeing the way their friendships influence them. So, in this 4-week series, we'll be discussing how to **choose our friends wisely**, exploring the **qualities of a healthy friendship**, encouraging students to **build friendships with wise people**, and helping them see **Jesus as their best and truest friend**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

True friends love you no matter what.

THE BIBLE

Proverbs 17:17, 27:6, 27:17, 18:24

- Last week, I challenged you to find a song, choose a fictional friendship, or create something that embodies true friendship. Did anyone try it?
- Talk about a time a friend stood by you during a difficult time.
- How does it feel when a friend sticks by you? What about when they don't?
- What's one way a tough time can make a true friendship grow stronger?
- How can telling each other the truth make a friendship grow stronger?
- Why is it often difficult to tell the truth to, or hear the truth from, our friends?
- Talk about a friend who "sharpens" you. How do they do that?
- What's one thing you can do this week to make, or be, a better friend?

This week, here's a challenge: dare to take an honest look at whether your best friends are true friends. If not, prayerfully determine your next step.