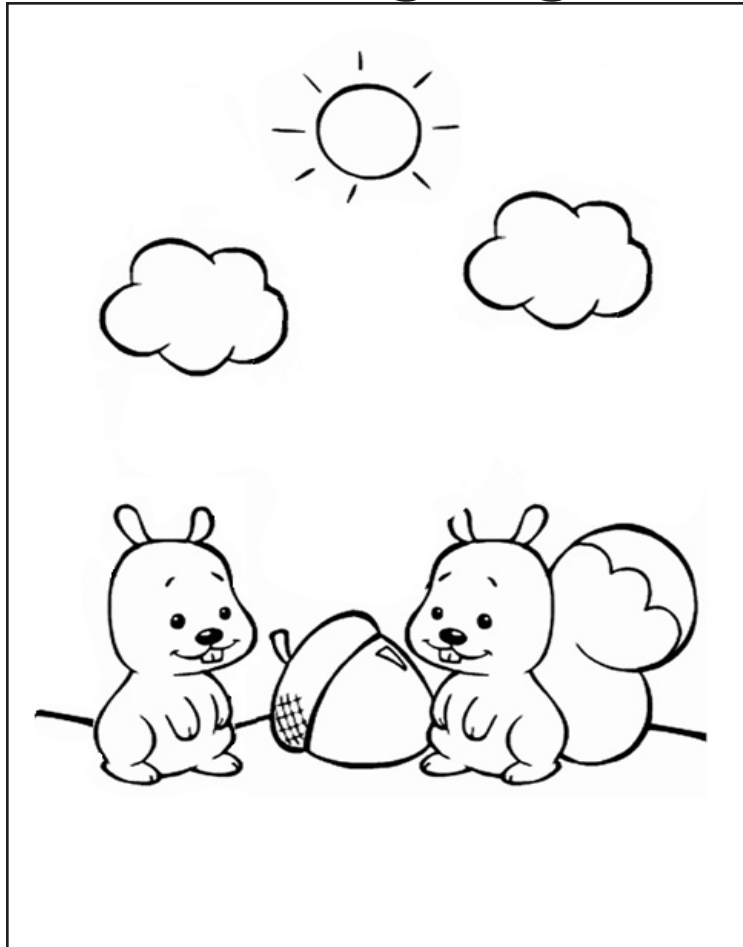


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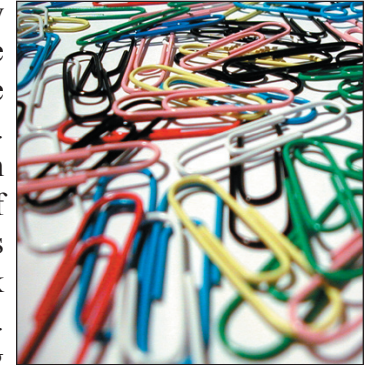
Friends (3)

How to Choose the Right Friends (1)

I. Overview.

We should be very careful who we choose to be friends with.

The kind of friends we have can eventually determine the kind of person we are. The wrong friends will eventually cause us to speak as they speak and do as they do. Concerning having the wrong kind of friends, the apostle Paul warned us "Evil companionships corrupt good morals."



We should choose good friends.

It is best for us to have friends that believe in God and fear Him. We should choose friends who behave properly and respect their parents. This kind of friends will help us to stay out of trouble. If we have these kinds of friends, we will live peacefully and happily as the Lord's children. If we choose the wrong friends we will have trouble. Even if we try to stay out of trouble ourselves, having friends that get into trouble will eventually cause us to end up in trouble.

II. Memory Verse.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked..."

(Psa. 1:1)

III. Lesson.

It is very important that we are careful when we choose who we want for friends. People normally end up acting and talking very much the same as the people they are friends with. This means that if you have friends that say bad words, you will probably end up also saying bad words. If you have friends that lie, steal and cheat, you will also probably end up lying, stealing and cheating. If your friends are nice and love the Lord, you will most likely also be a nice person and will also love the Lord.

How to Pick Good Friends

The best way to pick good friends is to watch them and to see how they behave. It is easy to know that you should avoid the ones who lie, steal, cheat, fight and use bad language. It is best to pick someone who loves the Lord and tries to live the proper Christian life. You should ask yourself whether the person you are considering acts like a child of God or acts like one of Satan's people.

If a boy is considering to be friends with another boy, he should ask himself, does he tell the truth, or does he lie? Does he share or does he steal? Is he fair or does he cheat? Is he friendly



We usually end up talking like our friends talk and doing what our friends do.

or does he like to fight? Does he respect others or does he curse and speak evil? If we observe these things about the person we are considering to be friends with, we will do well to choose the ones who tell the truth, who share, who are fair and who are friendly. This kind of person will be the best friend for us to have. We should avoid the ones who do the bad things.

Friends Can Lead Each Other in God's Way

Good friends can truly help one another in following the Lord. If your friends love the Lord, they will lead you to love the Lord. If your friends do what is right, they will lead you to do what is right. If your friends respect adults, they will lead you to also respect adults. Not only are we led by our friends, but we can also lead our friends too. We should do our best to be a good friend. If we love the Lord, do what is right and respect adults, our friends will be led to do the same. We should also be careful to choose friends who have the proper language and don't use bad words. And we ourselves should always speak properly so that our friends will follow in the same way.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why is it important to choose the right friends?

2. What will happen if our choose friends who lie, cheat and steal?

3. What should we consider when choosing a friend?

4. How can we lead our friends in God's way?

