



Week 5: Friendship Years

Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose

“The Friendship Stage”

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- To Accept Your **ADVICE**.

Advice like this:

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The Zax—When Kids Walk Away From God

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