



## FRIENDS ARE THE BEST



*My friends at church can help me draw closer to Jesus!*

We are taking a pause from diving into Jonah 2, to have CUP DAY and FRIENDS day where we explore the importance of our friends at church and how they can help us grow closer to Jesus.

Our RK Leaders want to empower you as the parents to know who your child's friends are so you can deepen those connections.

*Some ideas for*

## CUP DAY AT HOME



*These are adaptation of two of the four games we will play at River Kids. Send photos if you do it!*

### HUNGRY HUNGRY FISH

Hide fruit or packet of food around the house and one toy to represent Jonah and the kids have to find as many food items and Jonah as they can in a certain time frame. Use this experience to recap what happens in Jonah 1 + 2 of the story. [Use can also replay this video from last week.](#)

### SACK CLOTH KING

Race as two teams to make the best toilet paper sackcloth for the Nineveh king. Someone will have to be model for the king, and the other person is doing the dressing and wrapping.

Use this experience to share about what happened in Jonah 3.

## YOUR FAMILY FUN GUIDE



1. Watch the [River Kids video](#)
2. Retell the story in fun ways!
3. Land it with some sharing and prayer

### SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 31 July - Cup Games Day

Sunday 14 Aug - I'm New Here

Sunday 18 Sept - Encounter Morning (Peakhurst)

Sunday 24 Sept - Encounter Morning (Chipping)

*Activities for*

## FRIENDS DAY



### FRIEND CARD

Use the friend card attach to create a moment from your child where you can hear who their friends are. The card allows you to affirm with your child what they are good at as a friend, and what their friends are good at. It also allows you to brainstorm together something they could ask Jesus to help them be a better friend.

If you do this at home, please take a photo and send to Sophie (0466 519 981) as it would really help the POD leaders to know that information.

### EXTRA

Look up the bible verses on the card.

OR

Write letters to your friends encouraging them. Sophie can give you addresses if you need them.

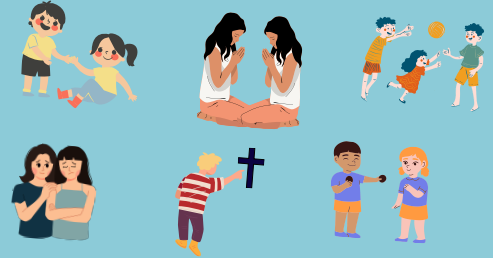


## MY FRIENDS AT CHURCH CAN HELP ME DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS

My friends at River Kids are:

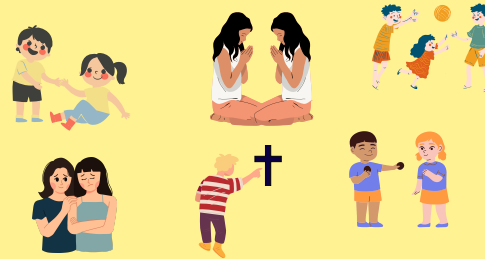
Draw your friends doing something you love:

Circle the things you do well and put a box around one thing you want to grow in:



- I want to have more friends at River Kids
- I am happy with the friends I have
- I like having friends that are different ages
- My siblings are my friends at River Kids

The bible has lots to say about friendship!  
Circle the things your friends do well:



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The River Kids Leader Team

friends + parent names

Those who said friend (if not listed above):

was their

Your child's POD Leaders:



## MY FRIENDS AT CHURCH CAN HELP ME DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS

My friends at River Kids are:

My friends are special because:

Circle the things you do well and put a box around one thing you want to grow in:

Encourage and use kind words 1 Thess 5:11	pray for others James 5:16	Spends time with others Heb 10:24-25
Help others with things I am good at 1 Cor 12:7	help others do the right thing Heb 10:24-25	help others when they are sad Gal 6:2
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# Sophie



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**Taryn**  
**Ellen**  
{but everyone really}

My friends are special because:

**Because they point me to Jesus, and we serve Him together**

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**Sophie's** friends + parent names

Taryn - Sandra (Mum) + Wayne (Dad)  
Ellen - Robyn (mum) + Glenn (Dad)

Those who said **Sophie** was their friend (if not listed above):

Lindsey - Julie (Mum) + Bruce (Dad)

Your child's POD Leaders:

Emily - 0476 784 134  
Brianna (under 18)