

PATCH THE PIRATE CLUB

Godly Character Lesson Application

Replacement for page 48 in the Captain's Book

Volume 24, Month 2, Week 2, Page 48 — A Godly Friend

For this lesson, you will need the fun page entitled, "Friendship Advice." Have the children turn to page 53 in their Sailor Logs.

We're talking about the importance of choosing godly friends and being a godly friend. Let's look at today's fun page entitled, "Friendship Advice." Read the following instructions and work through this page together. *Write the letter of the answer in the blanks of each verse below. Use your Bible to look up any phrases you don't know. These are all verses on the topic of friends and friendship.*

- a. angry
- b. brother
- c. command
- d. friend
- e. friends
- f. loveth
- g. life
- h. servants

1. "A friend _____ at all times." Proverbs 17:17
2. "A man that hath _____ must shew himself friendly." Proverbs 18:24a
3. "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a _____." Proverbs 18:24b
4. "Make no friendship with an _____ man." Proverbs 22:24
5. "Thine own friend, and thy father's _____, forsake not." Proverbs 27:10
6. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his _____ for his friends." John 15:13
7. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I _____ you." John 15:14
8. "I call you not _____ . . . but I have called you friends." John 15:15

Now let's look back over these verses. We will go through each verse and determine which verses are especially meant for earthly friendships and which ones refer to our friendship with Jesus Christ. Beside the verses referring to earthly friendships, have the children write the word *me*. Beside the verses referring to heavenly friendship with Christ, have the children write the word *Jesus*. Read each verse and have the children raise their hands if the verse should be applied to *me and my friendship* or to *their heavenly friendship with Christ*. Explain that these verses speak of a special friendship that Christ has with each believer. Jesus Christ is our greatest example of a best friend.

Close in prayer, thanking God for godly friendships we can have here on earth and for the friendship we can have with His Son, Jesus Christ.