

FAMILY DEVOTION

“What Is A True Friend?”



“I’m Your Friend, And I’ll Tell You The Truth!”



“Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?”

– Galatians 4:16

SAY:

When choosing our friends, we tend to choose only those who think like us, act like us, and tell us what we want to hear. That’s not always the best plan.

It’s important to have friends who tell us the truth, even when it’s hard to hear. True friends don’t just agree with us all the time. They speak honestly, especially when we make mistakes.

READ:

2 Samuel 11-12

DISCUSS:

- Who was the king?
- What was the name of the prophet who told David the truth?
- How did David respond when he realized he had sinned?
- Will friends ALWAYS tell each other the truth?

SAY:

We learn from the story of King David and the prophet, Nathan, that real friends will talk to us when we do something wrong.

Friends who care about us will tell us the truth, even if it upsets us. This is especially true when we need help to be better and do the right thing.

PRAY:

Pray with your children that they would be able to choose friends like Nathan. Even more importantly, pray that they will always respond like King David when they are confronted with their own sin by their friends. Don’t let them allow others to “become the enemy by telling the truth.”