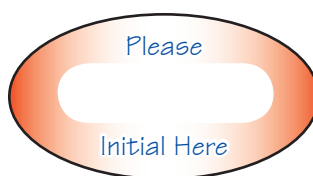


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Friends often have common interests.

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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Eight -

Friends (1)

What is a Friend?

I. Overview.

God created man with an inborn need to be with others. All of us like to be with other people. Even if some of us like being alone from time to time, no one wants to be alone all the time. God realized this and therefore, after He created Adam, He made Eve to be his companion. As young people, much of our need for companionship is met by our having friends.



God created all of us with a need for companionship.

A friend is someone we share the same interests with and spend much time with. We can talk to our friends in an honest and open way. We share a large part of our lives with our friends. Although we may have friends in our school and in the neighborhood around our home, our brothers and sisters in the church are the ones who should be our most special friends. Our friends in the church are the ones who will help us to stay in God's way.

II. Memory Verse.

"And Jehovah God said, it is not good for the man to be alone..."

(Gen. 2:18)

III. Lesson.

When God created man, He created him in a perfect way. But even though the first man was perfect, it did not mean that he did not have many needs. For example, he had the need for food to eat, water to drink and air to breathe. He also had the need to be with other people – the need of companionship. God even said “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Because of this God made a woman for Adam so he would not be alone.

Our Need of Companionship

Whenever a person does not have companionship, they begin to feel lonely. Sometimes a pet can make a lonely person feel better, but this cannot completely satisfy. There is the need for other people. One kind of companionship that we need is to have friends.

Friends are people that we spend a lot of our time with. Friends normally like the same things that we like and like to do the same things that we like to do. Often children and young people spend much time playing with their friends. Most of the time our friends are around our same age. We can talk freely to our friends, opening our heart and being honest.



Friends can come from school,
from our neighborhoods and
from the church.

Friends from Different Places

We can have friends from our school or from our neighborhood. Usually a friend is someone who you begin to see quite often and begin to spend time with. It is often the best to have friends from among the brothers and sisters

in the church. Having friends among the young people in the church can be a special blessing. God is actually very pleased when we have this kind of companionship. Friends in the church often help one another to keep walking in God's way.

A Matter of Choice

We have no choice about who will be our brother or sister. We are simply born into the same family. But with our friends, we do have a choice. We can choose to be with those whom we want to. Because our friends are our choice, they are very special to us. Providing us with friends is one way that God cares for our need for companionship.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is a friend?

2. Though God created man perfect, what kind of needs does man have?

3. Name some places from which we can have friends.

4. Where is the best place to have friends from?

