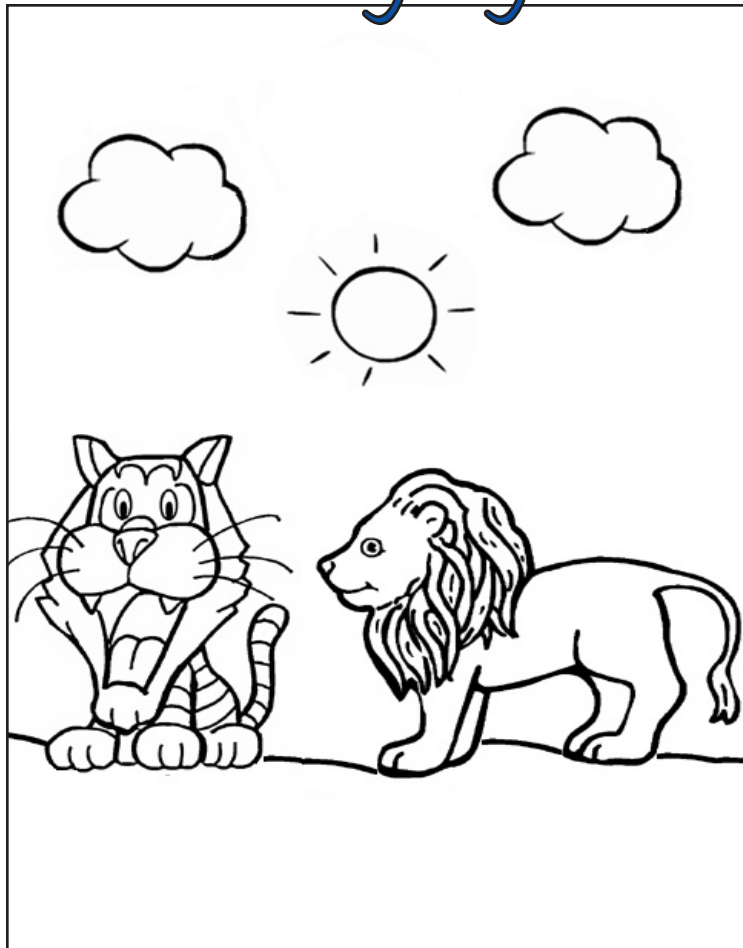
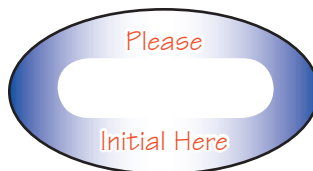


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We should watch carefully those who we want to be friends with.

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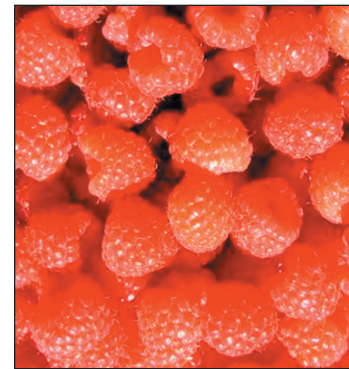
- Lesson Eleven -

Friends (4)

How to Choose the Right Friends (2)

I. Overview.

We must choose friends who love the Lord and who behave properly. We should watch their behavior at school or around the neighborhood. If their behavior is not proper, obedient, respectful and honest, we should look for someone else as a friend. If we decide that we'd like to be friends with someone like this, we will most likely end up behaving like they do.



Good friends will help us to have good character.

As we mentioned in the previous lesson, we normally end up behaving and talking like our friends do. We must realize that if we desire to develop a good character, we need to have good friends. If our friends have improper behavior or use bad language, we will quickly lose our good habits. On the other hand, if we choose friends who are obedient to their parents, show the proper respect and who are honest, they will help us to have a proper living.

II. Memory Verse.

“Do not be deceived, evil companionships corrupt morals.”

(1 Cor. 15:33)

III. Lesson.

Choosing the right friends is a very important thing. We are very much influenced by our friends. Good friends who love the Lord will help us to be a proper person. Bad friends will lead us in the wrong direction. We should not think that we are strong enough to not be influenced by bad friends. We will end up just like them.



Good friends help us to live a proper life.

How to Choose Friends

When we choose friends, the best way is to choose the ones who love the Lord. If they come from a church family there is a good chance that they love the Lord. We should also watch carefully how they behave and how they talk. If you go to school with them, you can watch how they believe in the classroom or on the playground. When they want to say something, do they raise their hand, or do they just start talking? Do they do a good job with their school work? Are they willing to work hard? Are they helpful to others and do they share? Watching in this way will help us to choose the right friends.

It is not hard to tell when a person is a troublemaker. This kind of person just starts talking whenever they want to – without raising their hand. They don't seem to care about their school work and speak negatively about school. They might even cheat, copying other's work because their work is not done. This kind of person often likes to act funny or strong and can influence other children. He might think that acting disrespectful to adults will make other children think that he is strong or smart.

Good Friends Help us Build Good Character

Good friends help us to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to our parents and to God. Our parents can often help us to choose good friends. Part of our having good character is being a person who listens to and respects our parents. Our parents will often be able to help us make the right decisions about who we pick for friends.

If we do a good job choosing our friends, we will be much happier. It will be much easier for us to be a person who lives a proper life before God. It will also make us a person who is easy for other people to like.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How do our friends affect our character?

2. What are some things to watch about someone you go to school with before making friends?

3. How can you tell if a child is a troublemaker?

4. Who can help us make good decisions?

