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SERIES: HOW STUFF WORKS

How Friendship Works

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Props: Hang up gears and tools with the words "How Stuff Works" in big colorful letters.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Today we're continuing in our series called "How Stuff Works". What did we learn about last week? (allow kids to answer) Right! We learned how our feelings work. Why did God give us feelings? (allow kids to answer). Correct! He doesn't want us to be like robots. Does God only give us good feelings like being happy and excited? (allow kids to answer). Nope, he gives us all of our feelings, even the harder ones like being sad or afraid. Our feelings help us in life. Now, does that mean we're allowed to let our feelings get out of control? (allow kids to answer). No way! God wants us to control our feelings. Remember the stoplight? Let's review it. Red means "Stop! Don't react", Yellow means "Think about why you're feeling what you feel" and then Green means "Go make a good choice." Good job! Remember your stoplight and control your feelings.

Today, we're going to learn about friendship. Did you know that God created you to need friends? He did but he has a certain kind of friend in mind.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Imagine the Impossible

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Our friends rub off on us. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who rubs off on us? (friends)
- We should ___ our friends carefully. (pick)
- True or False: God doesn't worry about who we call our friends. (F)

God cares about the friends we choose. Our friends rub off on us and shape who we become. So, God wants us to choose good friends who encourage us, help us, and are loyal to us. This type of friend will help us to be a good friend ourselves. But, he doesn't want us to hang with friends who are mean, disrespectful or gossips.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Don't be fooled (shake head no), 'for bad company (thumbs down) corrupts good character.'" 1 Corinthians 15:33 *(Repeat)*

Don't trick yourself into thinking that it doesn't matter who you hang around because it does! If you choose to hang with friends who do naughty things or use bad language, you'll likely become that kind of kid yourself. So, choose to hang around friends who encourage you to honor God. Remember, your friends will rub off on you so choose them wisely!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Unglued

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Our friends rub off on us. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.