

Choosing the Right Friends



The New Year has passed and you have probably made some New Year resolutions. Maybe it was to obey your parents more, or try to read your Bible in a year. Those are all very good things, but what can we do that would make us better in Jesus' sight? Nothing! Now that doesn't mean that we should just get saved and then not go to church, pray, do what you want all the time, etc. Not at all! We *should* try to be like him in a pursuit to try to witness to others in an amazing way. I have learned to choose good friends, ones that would *not* have an influence on me to do wrong things such as not obeying your parents, talking back, calling people names etc. The point of this lesson, then, is to learn *how* to make good friends, so that we would learn to be wise and to obey the Lord in all that we do. We may fall sometimes, so we should also choose friends that will forgive. In turn, we also should forgive.

Rule #1 - Check the character of that person. This is one of the MOST important things in this checklist. *Does she have a heart that wants to please the Lord?*

Rule #2 - Check the attitude of this person. *Does she pout, whine, get angry easily, etc.?*

Rule #3 - Check her willingness to pray. *Does she want to take things into her own hands, or does she want to give it all up to God.*

These are just basic rules that we can use. Nobody is perfect, but she should have a desire and willingness to do the right thing even if it is hard. You can notice what she does when she goes through a hard time. Does she take it out on others and cry in despair or does she ask for prayer? Her behavior will influence you. Choose wisely.



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Special points of interest:

- A lesson on choosing the right people to hang out with.
- A yummy AND easy recipe for chocolate pudding pie.
- Tips on making a card look great!



Cooking: Easy Chocolate Pie

- 2 boxes (6 servings each) Jell-o chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- Ready made pie crumb crust
- Cool whip topping (12 oz. tub)

In large bowl beat milk and pudding mix with wire whisk. Mixture should be very thick. Whisk in half of the cool whip. Carefully spread in ready-made crust. Set in fridge for 5 min. Take out and spread the rest of the cool whip on the pie evenly. You can garnish it by taking a potato peeler and bakers chocolate and shaving it onto the pie, or you could crush peppermint candy and sprinkle on top. Garnishing is optional.

G.M.M. Trying to reach out to people in our daily life

On the web at www.anchoredresources.org/wp/articles/girls-mini-ministries/

Trivia: Choosing Friends

1. Your class has a new girl in it. Do you...

- A. Stare at her.
- B. . Make fun of her behind her back.
- C. Go up to her and ask her to come with you to the lunchroom.

2. The same girl learns her mom and dad are in a divorce. Do you...

- A. Try to comfort her through this trial.
- B. Walk around like you are better than her.
- C. Treat her badly.

Scores: 1. A.= 2, B.= 0, C.= 5; 2. A.= 5, B.= 2, C.= 0

Helpful Hint: The best way to make friends with new people is to go up to them and say "Hello."

Tips and Tricks: Making Beautiful Cards EASY

- Tearing a header such as Thank You. See what I mean: Stamp or draw "Thank You."

Tear all sides so it looks like this:

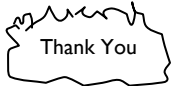


Thank You

Glue onto card.



Thank You




Thank You

- Put decorations on in odd numbers. See what I mean: Here is a sticker.



Stick it on:



Thank You

Looks nice doesn't it?

Super Tip: Three is one of the best numbers.