

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Circles

## WEEK 2

BE WISE ABOUT THE FRIENDS YOU ALLOW IN YOUR CIRCLE.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

PROVERBS 27:17 NIV

### DAY 1

Have you ever been around someone who made you feel like you were becoming a better version of yourself? Simply spending time with them brought out the best in you! Maybe you have a friend who is a hard worker, or a friend who chooses not to gossip, or a friend who serves others first. Whatever positive qualities your friends might have, all of them have the ability to help you grow into the person God created you to be. Take some time to ask God to help you identify the best qualities your friends have. Thank God for the friends in your life who are helping you grow into a better version of yourself because of the good things they demonstrate in their own lives.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:9 NIV

### DAY 2

Picture your favorite superhero. Batman? Wonder Woman? Superman? Does that superhero have a sidekick? Is there someone who always helps them save the day? Chances are they do! Why? Because even superheroes know that life is better lived alongside other people. We're all better off with the help of someone else. Whether we're trying to save the world or simply just trying to make it through 5th period, we all need the support and encouragement of those closest to us. Think about how God is using the people in your circle to make you better. Then, challenge yourself to be that same kind of person for your friends, too!

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**“Therefore encourage one another  
and build each other up, just as in fact  
you are doing.”**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NIV

### DAY 3

Think about a time when someone encouraged you. Maybe it was before an important test or a big game. Maybe it was when you were facing difficult circumstances. Or maybe it was when you just needed an extra push to try something new. Whatever comes to mind, you would probably say that the encouraging words of that friend made a huge difference. That’s because kind words have the power to completely change someone’s day—and maybe even their life! Today, challenge yourself to be intentional about how you can use your words to build others up. Look for ways to encourage the people in your circle!

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**“For where two or three gather in my  
name, there am I with them.”**

MATTHEW 18:20 NIV

### DAY 4

Sometimes when we’re given a task, we can’t help but wonder how much easier it would be if we had someone to help us. Doing the dishes would be faster if your siblings helped out. A group project is better when everyone actually does the work. The reality is, a lot of things are better with a few people by your side. And the same can be said about your faith. When you share your faith with your circle, you suddenly become a team. You are all working together toward the same goal— to live life with Jesus. How can you talk to your small group about ways you can encourage each other to grow together in your faith?

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**“And let us consider how we may spur  
one another on toward love and good  
deeds.”**

HEBREWS 10:24 NIV

### DAY 5

There is never a shortage of opportunities to do good. Think about it! You probably have hundreds of opportunities to do something kind every single day. Not just in your community or school, but in your circle of friends, too. In fact, you and your circle can do a lot of good in the world by working together. You and your friends have the ability to be lights in the lives of others simply by finding ways to show kindness and love toward the people around you. This week, get your circle together and look for a way to serve others. Think about how you can make an impact simply by loving and doing good to those around you. Then, go for it!

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