



# Meeting

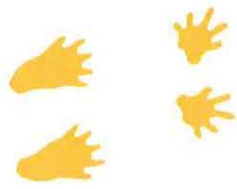
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## Bible Friends



Here are three fun activities that teach Eager Beavers about friends. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Eager Beavers or create your own activities.





## MEETING LENGTH

### 60-80 MINUTES

- Opening (5 minutes)
- Grandma Ellen Stories (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Closing (5 minutes)

## Opening

Using a beaver puppet, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Eager Beavers. Have the children sit in a circle.

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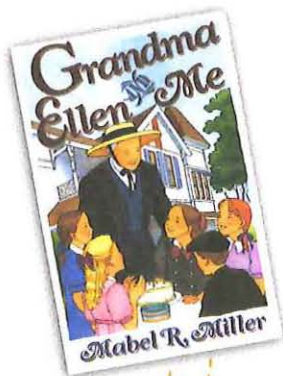
MINUTES



Listen to a story about Ellen White.

## CHIP COMPLETED

BIBLE FRIENDS



## Grandma Ellen Stories

# 10

MINUTES

### PANSY FACES

Tell the children that they are going to learn about a special friend of Jesus. Ask the children what it means to be a friend. Then show them a picture of Grandma Ellen White and tell them that she was a special friend of Jesus. Then ask how they can be a friend of Jesus. (Praying, being kind to others, not hurting people's feelings, sharing, doing nice things for family and friends.)

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Grandma Ellen and Me* by Mabel R. Miller (Pacific Press, 2000)
- Pictures of Ellen White (a poster is available from AdventSource)
- Flowers, one per child

Share with the children that Grandma Ellen had a granddaughter named Mabel who wrote a book about her Grandma Ellen and that you are going to tell them one of Mabel's stories. (You could also have an adult play the role of Mabel and have her tell the story in character.) Read "Pansy Faces" from pp. 13-17 of *Grandma Ellen and Me* (Miller, 2000). When you are done reading the story, give the children a flower to give to a parent/guardian.



The following activities fulfill the requirement for My God III, which is to complete the Bible Friends chip.

## Friends Stick Together Maze

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MINUTES

### WHAT YOU DO

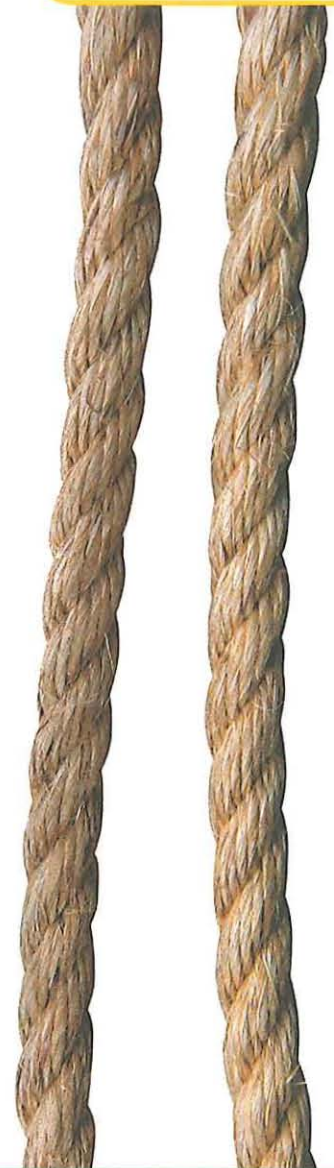
Ahead of time: Create the maze using things like yarn, sheets, boxes, masking tape, and, for those of you who know a farmer, hay bales. At the center of the maze have a picture of Jesus or small pictures of Jesus that the children can take with them.

Tell the children that one of the good friends in the Bible was Ruth. She left her home and family to go and take care of her husband's mother, Naomi. Ruth told Naomi, "Where you go, I will go" (Ruth 1:16). Have the children repeat this passage a couple of times. Now explain that caring for others is a way to be a friend. And just like Ruth, they are going to take a trip to be with a friend.

### 1 ACTIVITY

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Materials for maze might include rope, sheets, boxes, masking tape
- Picture(s) of Jesus





## ACTIVITY

# 2

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Balloons, one for every two children

# Friends Stick Together Balloon Relay

15  
MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Blow up the balloons.

The purpose of this game is for a pair of children to place a balloon between their foreheads and, while keeping the balloon in place, walk to a designated area and then back to their team. They then give the balloon to the next pair of children. Don't end the game when a team finishes; instead, encourage the teams that have finished to cheer on the children still playing the game.

Tell the children that sometimes we say that friends stick together. Ask them what they think this means. (Helping friends when they need it, cheering them up when they are sad, cheering for them during a game.) Remind them that Ruth stuck with Naomi. Now tell the children that to help them remember to stick together they are going to play a game where they have to stay close to a friend. Divide the children into several even-numbered teams and then assign each of the children a partner. Have a pair of adults demonstrate how to play the game. Then give each team a balloon and begin the relay.



Keep going!





# Bible Friends Dress-up

15  
MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

Select several Bible friends (David and Jonathan, I Samuel 20; Ruth and Naomi, Ruth 1; The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:29-37; Mary anointing Jesus' feet, Matthew 26:6-13) and make a dress-up station for each set of friends. Have a couple of adults at each dress-up station. Ask one of the adults to briefly tell the story of the Bible friends at the station.

## OPTION 1

Let the children dress up like the characters and then take individual pictures of them. Print the pictures and give them to the children. You can also have the children glue their photo in the center of a sheet of construction paper and then draw pictures of how the two Bible characters represented were friends.

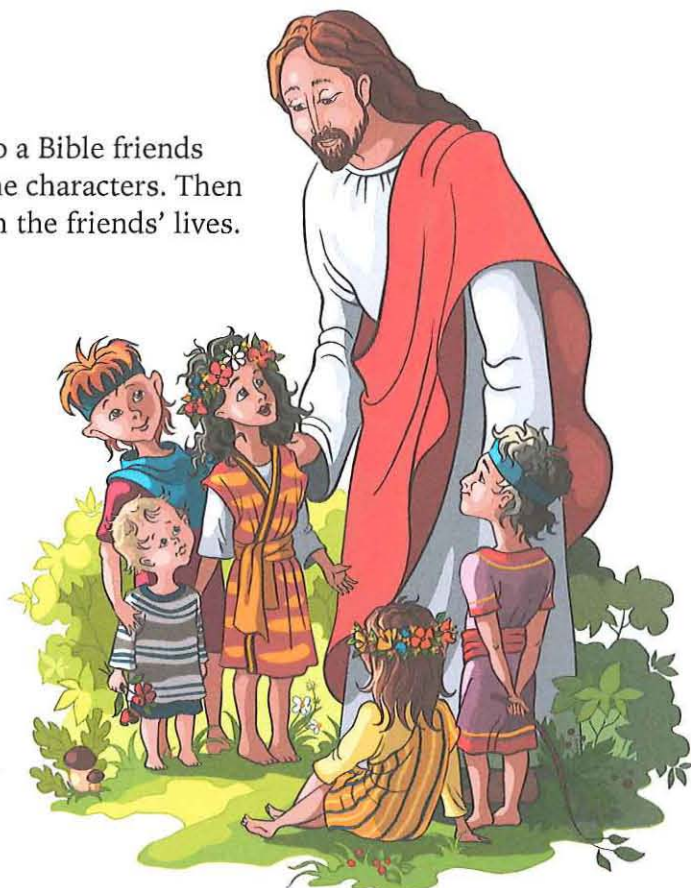
## OPTION 2

Divide the children into small groups and assign them to a Bible friends dress-up station. At the station have them dress up as the characters. Then have an adult lead them in acting out simple scenes from the friends' lives. Let the children take turns playing the lead roles.

## 3 ACTIVITY

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bible friends dress-up clothes
- Camera (optional)
- Printer (optional)
- Construction paper (optional)
- Crayons (optional)





## Closing

5  
MINUTES



Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Eager Beavers. Say a prayer and then ask for an Eager Beaver to volunteer to pray for the group. Rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for the closing program.



**Chip:** Bible Friends



**Requirement:** My God III