

# THE **BIG** IDEA

***Be the kind of friend Jesus is.***

**Monday:** *Genesis 1:26-27*

God designed you to be in relationships. His desire is that we know in some little way, how amazing it is to be a part of the Holy Trinity. He wanted to share in that with you and with me. Now, your relationships may not look much like that. But how about your relationship with God? What's your friendship like? It may be weird to think of God as a friend. Before you work on your earthly friendships, spend some time building your heavenly one.

**Tuesday:** *Proverbs 22:11; Mark 10:45*

If we want balance in our friendships, we need to start by being a good friend. The best example we have is Jesus. Brainstorm different ways that Jesus was a friend to others? How did He show His love to them? How did He serve them?

**Wednesday:** *2 Timothy 1:9; Proverbs 17:9*

Being a good friend means showing grace and forgiveness to others. It's giving them the benefit of the doubt and countless second chances. What's hardest for you about showing grace to others? Is it hard to swallow your hurt and pride? Is it a desire to see justice done? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a gracious heart so you can start balancing your friendships from the inside out.

**Thursday:** *Ephesians 5:1-2*

Ok, so very few of us will be called to die for our friends. But we can still follow Christ's lead in being good friends. Now, how can you follow His example? Be specific and write down what you want to do to love and serve the people in your life. Who needs your grace and forgiveness?

**Friday:** *John 15:13-15*

Jesus is your bff. It sounds cheesy, but it's true. No one else in your entire life can claim to be your best friend...*forever*. No one will love and serve you like Jesus. No one was there as early as Jesus. And no one will be there beyond the end like He will. Thank Him for being the best friend!