



# Friendship

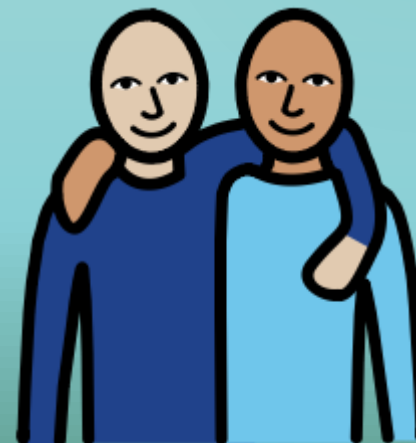


Encourage one another  
and build each  
other up.



1 Thessalonians 5 "

## Learning to Listen







We have gathered together  
in the name of God the Father,

Son and Holy Spirit,

to worship together

and think about our value friendship.





Our words of wisdom from the Bible this term are:

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is  
born to help in time of need.



Proverbs 17<sup>17</sup>



Phones can be used to strengthen our friendships by helping us to stay in touch with one another.

But phones can also distract us and sometimes people use the phone or send a text rather than talking to friends face to face.





Barney has a new phone. Let's hear what Barney and  
Bella have been up to.



Bella: Barney!

Barney: Hello Bella. *(Turns back to his phone.)*

Bella: Barney,

Barney: *Mmm... (in distracted tone)*

Bella: Can I tell you something?

Barney: *Mmm.. yes...*

Bella: Did you know my Mum isn't very well?

Barney: *Mmm.. mm?*



Bella: Yes, she's had to go into hospital. I'm a bit worried about it.

She's having an operation. The doctor says that when she comes out she's got to stay at home for a week and rest.

Barney: Mmm, lovely!

Bella: Barney! What did I just say?

Barney: What? Oh... something about you having a nice rest?

Bella: BARNEY! YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME! You don't care at all about my Mum!



Barney: Mmm.. What.. *(Finally looks up at Bella)* Oh, sorry Bella, I'll turn off my phone. Did you say something about your mum? Tell me again and I'll promise to really listen this time.

Bella: Well, what I was saying was, that my mum's got to go into hospital for an operation, and I'm a bit scared about it.

Barney: Oh no! I didn't even know your mum was poorly. Will you have to look after her when she comes home?



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Bella: Yes, I think I might have to help around the house a bit more and take our dog Scramble out for walks. My mum usually does that.

Barney: Oh I love Scramble! Me and my mum will come round and take him out.

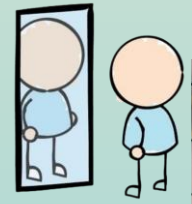
Bella: That would be great.

Barney: No problem! If there's anything else we can do, just ask.

Bella: Thanks so much. Oh, and Barney?

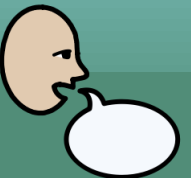
Barney: Yes

Bella: Thanks for listening.



Look at this picture. Being good friends isn't just about sharing the good times. Sometimes we need to show compassion towards our friends when times are tough. That can often just mean listening to them carefully when they want to talk.

What do you think the girl in the picture is saying to her friend who looks sad?





We saw how upset Bella was that Barney didn't bother to listen to what she was telling him. Perhaps today we can really concentrate on listening to what our friends say to us rather than always wanting to do other things at the same time.



Let's ask God to help us.





I'll lead the prayer if you would like to make the prayer yours join in with the Amen at the end.

## A prayer for God's friendship

Lord, please go before us, to lead:

walk beside us, to befriend;

be above us, to protect;

stay behind us, to direct;

be beneath us, to support;

and enfold us in your love.

Amen

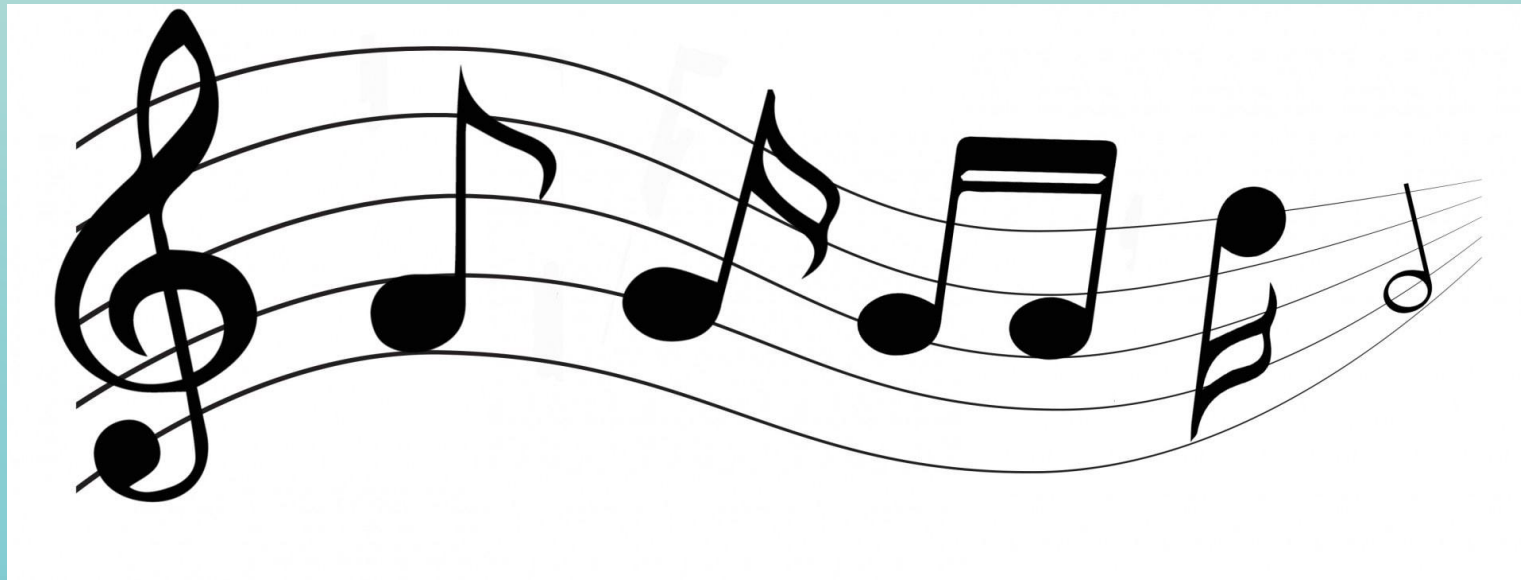


## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.



Let's sing: Build up



# Build Up

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## Verse 1

Every word that you say, whoa-a  
Every game that you play, whoa-a  
Every single face, whoa-a  
Every single place, whoa-a

## Chorus

*You can build up, 1 2 3 4 5  
Or you can tear down.  
Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up.*

**Verse 2** Every joke you tell, whoa-a  
Every name you spell, whoa-a  
Everywhere you go, whoa-a  
Every one you know, whoa-a

**Chorus** *You can build up, 1 2 3 4 5  
Or you can tear down.  
Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up.*

Can you build up?

We can build up.

Can you build up?

Yes we can.

Can you build up?

We can build up.

Can you build up?

Yes we can.

**Verse 3** Every song you sing, whoa-a  
Every bell you ring, whoa-a  
Every thing you spend, whoa-a  
Every special friend, whoa-a

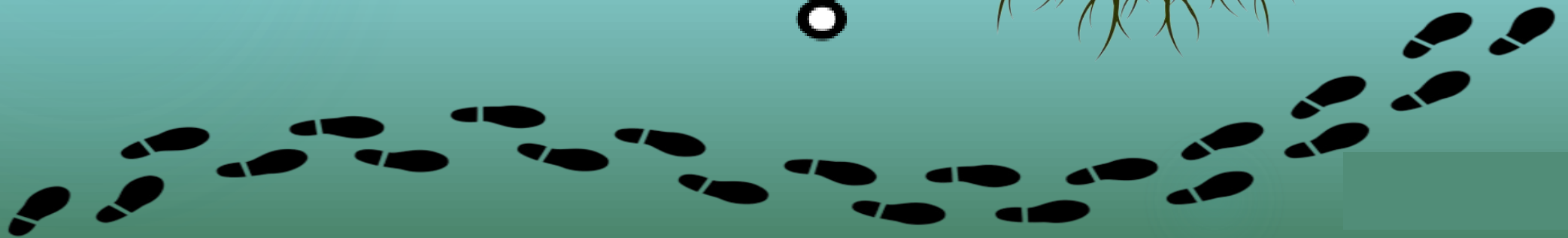
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# Fruits from the roots

Pros and cons

Mobile phones are good for  
friendship because ...

Mobile phones are bad for  
friendship because ...





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## Prayer for Pentecost

God the Father, watch over us *(arch arms over head)*

God the Son walk with us *(stretch arms out to either side)*

God the Spirit work through us *(cross arms over chest)*

So that your kingdom will come and your will be done. *(gesture out to the world)*

Amen

