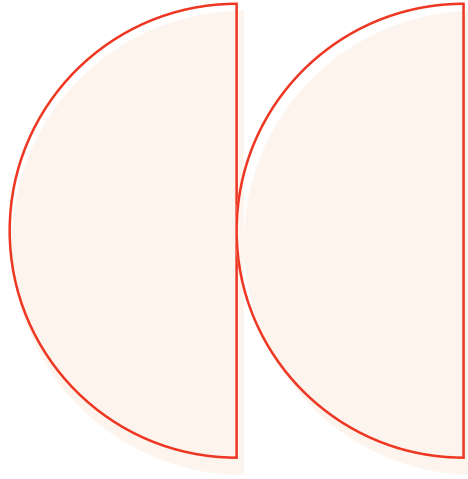


## DAY 4

MARK 12:31 NIV

Think about the last time you put someone else's needs before your own. Maybe it was sacrificing a night out with your friends, giving your younger sibling the last piece of dessert, listening to a friend when you would rather do something else, or simply being kind when you didn't feel like it. Mark 12:31 reminds us of a powerful command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." It's not just about showing love to the people closest to you—it's about extending that love to everyone around you, even those you don't know well or those who are hard to love. Loving others isn't always easy, but it's the heart of what Jesus calls us to do.

**Look for one way today to show love to someone around you, whether a friend, family member, or even a stranger. Let your actions reflect the love God has shown you.**



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# FRIENDSHIP

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## DAY 5

PROVERBS 17:17

**"A friend loves at all times."**

**For this week's memory verse tip, write out the verse few times. Highlight a key word that will help the verse stick out to you.**

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# DAY 1

## LUKE 6:31 NLT

Has anyone ever given you a gift or helped you out in a way that may you feel cared for and important? Maybe someone complimented you, helped you when you were struggling, or just listened when you needed it most. That feeling is exactly what Jesus is talking about in Luke 6:31. The Golden Rule—"Do to others as you would like them to do to you"—isn't just about being nice, it's about actively looking for ways to show kindness, respect, and love to others. Treating others the way you'd want to be treated creates a ripple effect that can change your school, your friendships, and your world.

**Today, look for an opportunity to show kindness and care that God has shown you to someone around you.**

# DAY 2

## PROVERBS 18:24 NLT

Have you ever had a friend who was always there for you, no matter what? Maybe they've stuck by you during tough times, or they've helped you stay strong when things got hard. This verse tells us that while some "friends" can tear you down, a true friend sticks closer than a sibling. True friendship isn't about being there when it's easy—it's about standing by each other in the good and bad. Real friends lift each other up, encourage one another, and challenge each other to grow. Be that friend to someone else, and look for friends who will do the same for you.

**Reach out to a friend today and encourage them. Let them know how much they mean to you and what makes them a true friend in your life.**

# DAY 3

## PROVERBS 13:20 NLT

Have you ever done something because your friends were doing it, only to realize later it wasn't the best choice? Our verse today warns us that the people we choose to spend time with can shape our lives. If we walk with wise people, we'll become wiser too. On the other hand, if we spend time with those who make poor choices, we might find ourselves heading down the wrong path. Our friends influence us more than we realize—whether it's their advice, habits, or attitudes. So, if you want to grow in wisdom and make good choices, choose to surround yourself with people who inspire you to be your best.

**Take a moment to think and evaluate your friendships. Ask yourself, what does a good friend look like and how do they help you make wise choices?**