

## **Kids Assembly Topic for August 2022**

# I AM BLESSED WITH FRIENDS

# Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Understand the gift of friendship
- Appreciate friends and classmates as God's gifts
- Learn how to value their friends and classmates as channels of God's blessings to us



Activity: Watch, Sing and Dance

Instructions:

You may choose from either of the two videos:

Video 1: Friends Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVCKj0T9-gc

Video 2: Make New Friends Song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyTdVFa-Fws

# **Processing:**

As MFC Kids, we are amazingly blessed by God with many friends—old and new. These friends are there for us, joining us in singing, dancing, playing, and praying. Let us be thankful to God and to each other because of the presence of one another.



It's (almost) back to school time! But this time, it might be physical or back to face-to-face classes! Are you excited to go back to your classrooms? Or are you very much excited to meet once again your classmates and friends? Can you still remember their names, faces, and their body built or height?

Every person has a friend—no one is an island, they say. As young as we are, we have our classmates that will journey with us through many years and will eventually become our life-long friends. Our classmates and friends are God's gifts to us.

We feel loved and supported by the people closest to us—and more than just our families and the MFC Community, we have our friends and classmates that are channels of God's love and blessings to us. They can also help us become happy, healthy, and holy too.



Let's be reminded of our MFC Kids Promise Number 4!

### 4. I WILL TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

(i will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect god's love)

## Why should we love our friends?

Because they are God's gifts: they are like brothers/sisters to us.

They are extended families to us. They are God's extension of love and blessings to us. They care for us and are there in times of concerns. They will journey with you and help you grow and be a better person. There are a lot of fun times but there can also be rough times. Friends can teach us lessons in life. They can tell us what needs to be done and what needs to be corrected.

### **HOW CAN WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS?**

#### 1. BY DOING GOOD DEEDS EVERYDAY

By doing good deeds, our friends can be inspired by you and they can imitate you. We love our friends by showing them what is true, good, and beautiful. By being a good example, we can be witnesses of God's Love.

#### 2. BY BEING AVAILABLE FOR THEM

Giving time to be with them—play and study with them, and even pray with them. Inviting them to our MFC Kids activities is also a good way to be with them and evangelize them. Good example is the Live The Word Kids.

#### 3. BY PRAYING FOR THEM

Prayer is one of the best gifts we can offer to a friend. As friends, we know each other's stories, concerns, and even problems, and so we pray for them. We can actually even invite them to pray with you.



### A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

**Activity:** Coloring

### **Materials:**

- Pencil
- Coloring Materials
- Printed copy of Appendix A

# B. First Step (5-7 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

**Activity**: Hearts for Friends

#### **Materials:**

- Colored Paper
- Scissor
- Color Pens

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw a big heart on your colored paper.
- 2. Cut out your drawing. Ask help from your parents or guardians in cutting the drawing.

- 3. Write the words "I will be a friend by... then put your answer in the middle of the heart.
- 4. Write your name on the bottom of the heart.
- 5. Take a picture of you with your artwork and post it in Social Media if you have. If you don't, you may ask your parent/s to post it for you.

### C. Step up (11-12 years old)

**Activity:** Household

# **Discussion question:**

- 1. Who/What is a friend for you? And why are they important?
- 2. How can you be a blessing to your friends?



Friendship is one of God's greatest gifts in our lives. In our friends, we find trusted companions who know us and love us for who we are, no matter what. It can be challenging and messy too, but our friends are the people who will get us through difficult times.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

Proverbs 17:17

Good job kids! This month we are going to be a blessing to our friends. Here is our monthly gift badge! Don't forget to complete your badges!



### **RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE**

#### 1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

## 2. I will be a good family member.

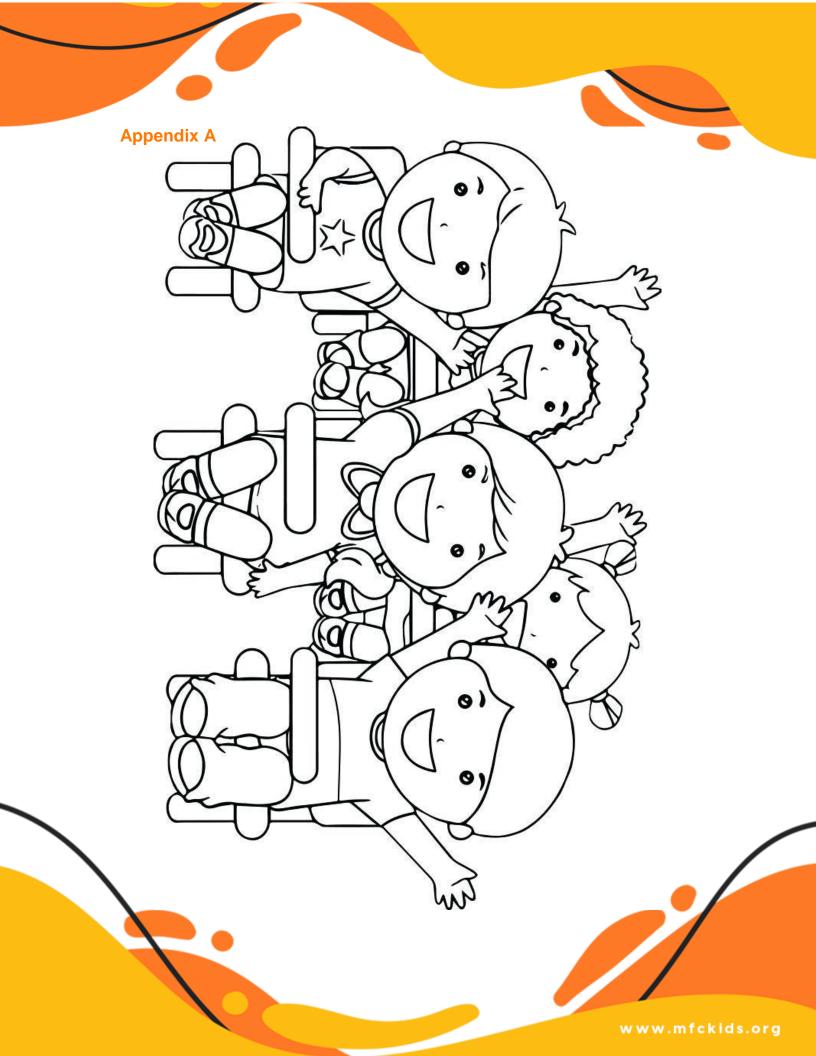
- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

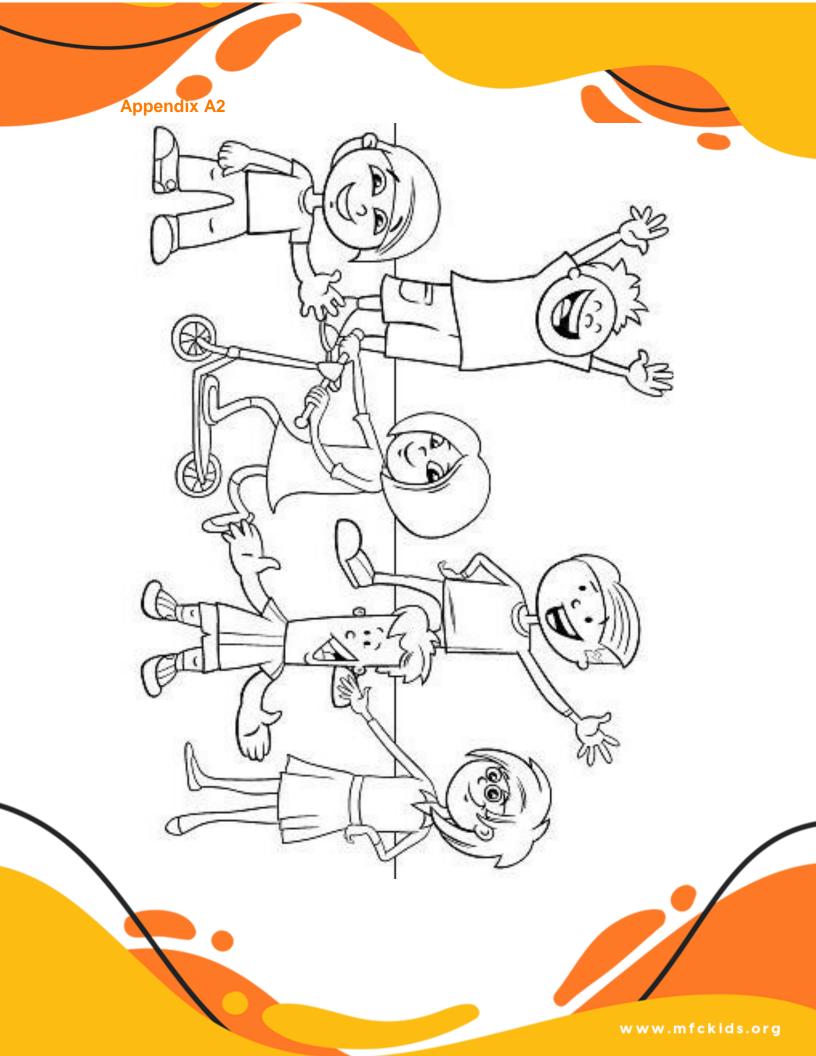
#### 3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

### 4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them





# Appendix B



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are *never too young to know Christ.* We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is about appreciating their friends and classmates as God's gifts. Thank you for guiding your children in choosing good and wonderful people to be their friends. As a parent, we can help them to be a 'gift' to their friends as well by encouraging them to do the following activities with you:

- **1. Live the Word Kids** Is your kid already attending our weekly bible study called Live the Word Kids? This week, make sure that your kid should be able to participate in the Live the Word Kids and let them BRING A FRIEND! Be there as well as your kid and his/her friends are enjoying studying the bible! For the schedule, kindly contact either the LTW Kids Facilitator or any MFC Kids Mission Volunteer or Full-time Worker.
- **2. Make a Video! –** Kids are now very much familiar with videos and vlogs. This time, make a short video with them and try explain what being friends mean to you and them. Just have fun while recording!

**3. Play Time!** – Kids need to enjoy a time with their friends. Come over to a friend's house and bring your children to play with their children. Or, invite other families to come over to your place and play with them. It's a great time for both of you—catching up with one another. You with other parents and them with other kids.away, donate them! Gift or toy donations bring happiness to other kids and gives them support!

When doing these activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids as well. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

**MFC Kids Team**