

# KIDS FOR YAH

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## Making and keeping friends

The idea of making and keeping friends may sound simple, but there is a lot more to it than at first meets the eye. The easiest way to make friends is to be friendly! Other young believers will not want to spend time with you if you are always grumpy or mean.



Your first priority, of course, is to worship Yahweh. It is extremely important that you always try to set the right example for other people to see. When you meet another young believer, try to keep the conversation equal and avoid dominating. For instance, try asking the other person questions that will help you get to know him or her better. The following are good for “breaking the ice.”

1. What is your favorite color?
2. What are your favorite animals, or do you have any pets?
3. Do you enjoy sports? Or, what hobbies do you like?
4. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
5. What are your favorite Scriptures?

In any friendship, communication is the key to making it work. Keep your focus on Yahweh and He will help you make and keep friends.

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## **Who is a friend?**

“Whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others.”

— Psalm 15:3 NIV

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## Handling conflict in your friendships

The following are based on true scenarios. Choose the best way to handle each situation.

**Situation #1:** You're having a bad day and your best friend is annoying you. She's probably not doing it on purpose, but you are getting angrier by the minute. So you choose to:

- A. Start yelling at her, then regret it later.
- B. Tell her you need to have a "time out," then walk away from the situation to cool off.
- C. Ignore her, keep your feelings bottled up, then take it out on your family when you go home.
- D. Spread nasty rumors about her.

**Situation #2:** You notice that your best friend just doesn't seem like himself lately. He hints that he is having problems at home. You decide to:

- A. Just ignore the situation and hope for the best.
- B. Stop being friends with him.
- C. Talk to your parents and ask for advice.
- D. Demand that he snap out of his bad mood and threaten to end the friendship.

**Situation #3:** You feel that your friend is very disrespectful to those in authority, and you're not feeling comfortable being with him or her anymore. Which one is best?

- A. Go along with it and do the same thing.
- B. Secretly pretend that you agree with him or her, but never disrespect authority out in the open.
- C. Threaten to end the friendship if he or she doesn't shape up.
- D. Gently express your feelings and explain why you can't go along with him or her. If things don't change, end the friendship.

**Situation #4:** you had a huge argument with your best friend and now she's spreading rumors behind your back.

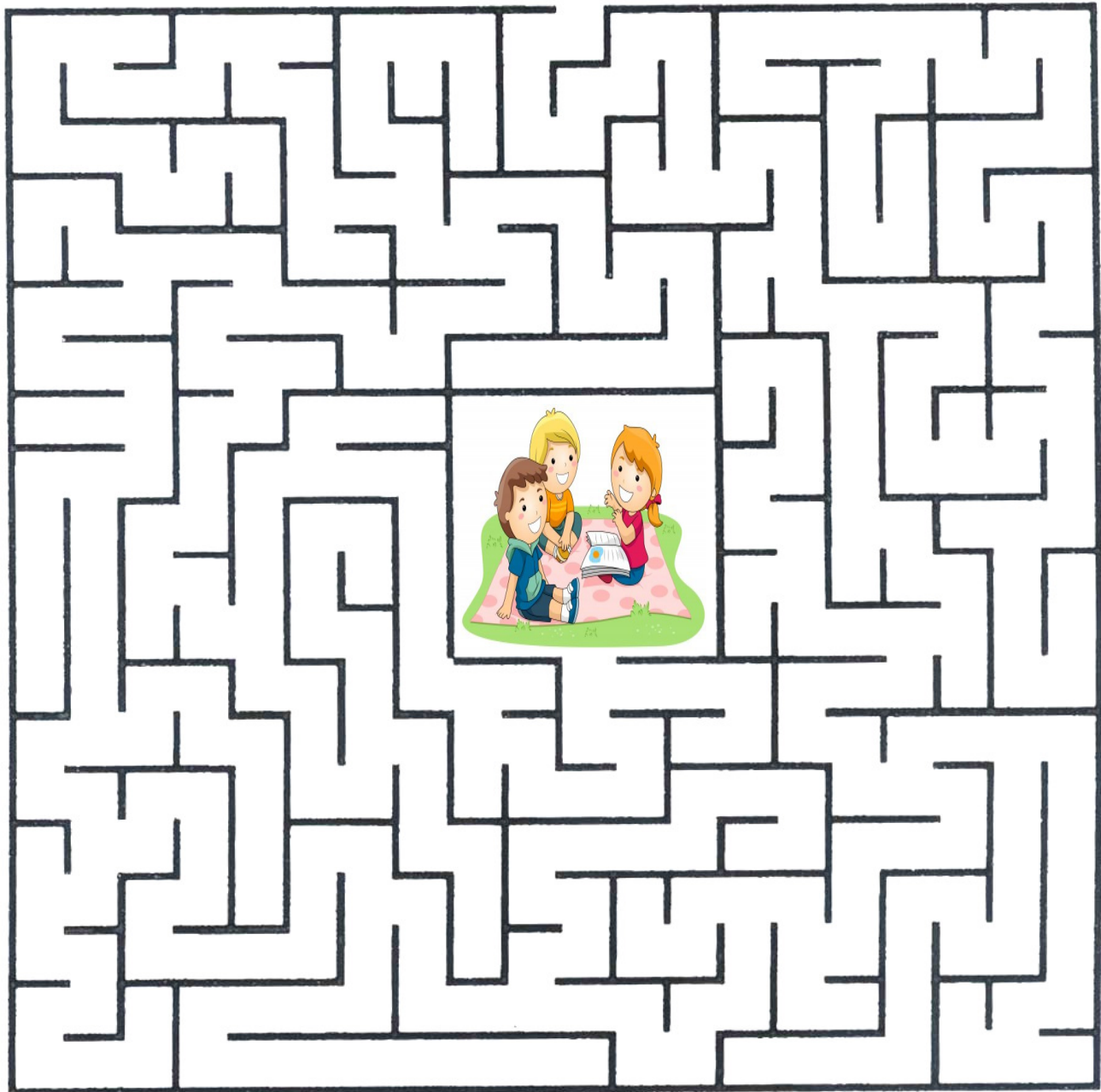
- A. This one is serious. Get help from your parents right away.
- B. Start spreading rumors about her to get revenge.
- C. Confront her and demand that she stop or else.
- D. Gang up on her with your other friends.

Best answers: 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A



# Bible Study in the Park Maze!

It's such a beautiful day that the kids decided to have a Bible study in the park together. Help them find the park.



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Spring Time!



## Make your own fruity-scented play-dough with Kool-Aid!

Kids, please don't try this without your parents permission and supervision. You can make your own scented play-dough right in your kitchen using Kool-Aid! Since Kool-Aid comes in so many different colors/flavors, you can have a wide range of different fruity-scented "play-dough"! All you need are the following items:

- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 3 T. vegetable oil
- 2 packets any flavor Kool-Aid
- One large mixing bowl
- One scraper spatula



Instructions: Into your mixing bowl, pour in the flour, salt, oil, and Kool-Aid. Blend gently. Pour in the boiling water and use the scraper spatula to mix it all together, scraping the sides often. Be careful, the dough will be hot. Allow to cool completely before using.

## Ideas for making some extra money during summer!



1. Have a yard sale, with your parents permission, of course! You may have some toys, books, or clothing that you no longer use.
2. Ask your parents if they have any indoor or outdoor jobs that they would like you to do.
3. Babysit! Many parents would love a few hours to get away.
4. Offer to mow your neighbors lawns.
5. Ask your neighbors if they need any work done around their houses or yards.