

MS Spiritual day: Friendship

Session 1:

Objective:

- What is true friendship?
- What does it look like? (3 types of friendship)

Source

- LA Diocese on Friendship: <https://www.lacopts.org/story/friendship/>

Session 2:

Objective:

- What does the Bible say about Friendship? (Good friendships & Bad)
- Give Biblical/Saintly examples of friendships (David & Jonathan, Abba Apollo & Abba Abib, etc.)
- Unhealthy/Bad friendships (David & Saul, Jonadab & Amnon (2 Samuel 13); discuss how these 'friendships' were unhealthy because one was doing wrong/bad to the other, or they encouraged each other to do something wrong)

Session 3:

Objective:

- How can I choose good friends? / Boundaries in Friendship
- Discuss qualities of a good friend and how to set boundaries within friendships (I.e. not everything needs to be shared; boundaries if this friend is of the opposite sex; friendship doesn't take away from important things like family and church; friendship doesn't replace God, etc.)

Key Verses:

"Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." 1 Corinthians 15:33

"He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed." Proverbs 13:20

Additional resources:

- Sirach 6
- 2 Samuel 13
- HEMY Q&A: <https://www.suscopts.org/q&a/index.php?catid=161>
- Example of Saintly Friends: St. Apollo & St. Abib
- Coptic Orthodox Answers: What is friendship?
- Grade 7 Children of Light Curriculum (page 14)

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