

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#5 Episode #6 Discipling Children to Be Great “Relaters”



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One of the things that stands out about Jesus is the way he related to people. He spoke to the weak and vulnerable. He dined with the "enemy." He called His disciples his friends. God cares how we treat others. How do we teach children to be good "relaters?"

What is a “relater?”

The Trinity is our model. Jesus is our model. God designed us to have friends.

Scripture References

“So now I am giving you a new commandment. Love each other just as I have loved you. You should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35 NLT)

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13 NLT)

Types of Friends

Acquaintances - people you sometimes see

Casual Friends - friends who might be in your class, live in your neighborhood or play sports with you

Close Friends - friends who are linked to your heart

Core Friends - only a few people, your best friends.

(See ADJ Kids for points on how to be a good friend to each of these types of friends)

How To Be A Good Friend (in general)

Give Grace (Romans 12:3)

Show Humility (Romans 12:3, 16)

Celebrate Our Differences (Romans 12:4-8)

Love (Romans 12:9-10)

Honor Them (Romans 12:10)

Be joyful and patient (Romans 12:12)

Pray (Romans 12:12)

Be kind to everyone (Romans 12:14)

Understand and trust (Romans 12:15)

Live in harmony (Romans 12:16-21)

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