

# Said No Friend Ever // 3 WEEKS

## Blurb:

In this series, *Said No Friend Ever*, we'll look at three things your friends have never said to you, but have acted out in some way or another. You won't want to miss out on hearing the things your friends will never tell you.



## OVERVIEW

**Week 1** // The Point: Your friends will either make you or break you.

Key Verse: Proverbs 13:20

**Week 2** // The Point: Friends who care share.

Key Verses: Philippians 2:3-4

**Week 3** // The Point: It's impossible to live the right life when you have the wrong friends.

Key Verse: Proverbs 12:26

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

One of the most defining things in a teenager's life is the people they surround themselves with.

In the first week of *Said No Friend Ever* we'll help students realize that their friends will either help them become who God intended them to be or pull them further away from God's purpose for their lives. Students will get the opportunity to evaluate their circle of friends and determine if they're moving them in the direction they want to go in life.

In the second week, students will look inward and see if they themselves are the kind of friend that they would want to have in their own lives. They will evaluate what traits of a good friend they possess and what ways they can improve on being a better friend--a godly friend.

In week three of *Said No Friend Ever* we'll help students understand that you can't live the right life if you have the wrong friends. We'll challenge students to make the right decisions about who they allow to be their close friends. We'll encourage them to look into their group of friends and determine if those friends are leading them in the right direction.

# WEEK 1 // Make or Break

## THE POINT

Your friends will either make you or break you.

## LEADER NOTES

One of the most defining things in a teenager's life is the people they surround themselves with. Their friends will either help them become who God created them to be or they will pull them away from what God has in store for them. This week help students identify if they are surrounding themselves with the right people. If not, challenge them to do something about it.

## Fun Openers

- 1.) What is one of the funniest things your friends have done?
- 2.) Who is one of your lifelong friends? Someone you have been friends with for 10+ years?

## Dive In

1. Would you say that you surround yourself with the right people? Why or why not?
2. What ways do your friends help you draw closer to God?
3. What are some ways your friends pull you away from God?
4. Where would you say your friends are taking you? Where will you end up because of the friends you have? Why?
5. Would you say that you trust your friends with your life? Why or why not?
6. What do godly friends look like? Would you say that you have those in your life? Why or why not? Would you say that you are a godly friend? Why or why not?
7. Open your Bible or Bible App and look up **Proverbs 13:20 & Corinthians 15:33** together.
8. What do you think these verses mean and are talking about? How can you apply them to your own life?
9. Why do you think this happens this way (getting better with good company, worse with bad company)?
10. What one thing you do want to see change for good in your group of friends? How can you make that happen?

## WEEK 2 // I Don't Care

### THE POINT

Friends who care share.

### LEADER NOTES

This week as we continue to talk about friendship we are going to flip the discussion around on ourselves. We are going to challenge students to look at themselves and see if they *themselves* are great friends to others.

### Fun Openers

1.) What is one thing that not everyone knows about you?

### Dive In

1. Tell about a time that you've done something for a friend that they didn't like--but you did it because it was in their best interest.
2. Would you say you have the best interests of your friends in mind often? Why or why not?
3. Would you say that you're the kind of friend that you want to have? Why or why not?
4. What would you say are the attributes that make up a true friend? Why?
5. Do you and your friends share struggles? Secrets? Faith? The spotlight? Joys? The things that matter most? Why or why not for each of those?
6. Open your Bible or Bible App and look up **Philippians 2:3-4** together.
7. What do you think this passage means and is talking about? How can you apply this passage to your own life?
8. What kind of person and friend do you know God is calling you to be? Why?
9. What are some ways that you could work on being a better friend? How will you go about doing it?

## WEEK 3 // I Will Lead You Away from God

### THE POINT

It's impossible to live the right life when you have the wrong friends.

### LEADER NOTES

This week we will challenge students to make the right decisions about who they allow to be their close friends. We will encourage them to look into their friend group and determine if their friends are leading them in the right direction.

### Fun Openers

- 1.) Have you ever been lost with a friend? Tell us that story
- 2.) Do you have any friends that are terrible with directions?

### Dive In

1. Why do you hang out with the friends you have?
2. What do other people say about your group of friends? Why do they say that?
3. Would you say that your friends are leading you closer to God or pulling you further away? Why would you say that?
4. What direction are your friends taking you in your life? Why? Are you okay with that direction? Why or what not?
5. What would a godly group of friends look like? After talking about that would you say that you have a godly group of friends? Why or why not?
6. Open your Bible or Bible App and look up **Proverbs 12:26** together.
7. What do you think this passage means and is talking about? How can you apply this passage to your own life?
8. Would you say you choose your friends carefully? Why or why not?
9. What do you want your group of friends to look like moving forward? Are there any relationships you need to walk away from? How will you go about doing that without hurting feelings?