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Chapter 1: The Most Important People in the World

This book is about how you can be a better friend.

All of us need some help on how to get along with other people. And this includes our friends.

But before we talk about friends, you will want to remember that the most important people in your life are your family members.

God gave you parents to love you. He gave you parents to guide you, to teach you and to encourage you. (Deut. 6: 7-9)



He gave you parents to help you become a better and more beautiful girl.

Your father and mother love you more than anyone else in the world. Indeed, in this world, one of the most precious gifts while growing up is a loving relationship with your father and mother.

God also gave some of you brothers and sisters.

Some of you have just brothers while others have just sisters.

Then some of you do not have any brothers or sisters.



Family size does not matter.

For no matter how big or small your family is, you will want your family members to be the most important and special people to you.

One day, when you marry and leave home, your husband will be the most important person to you. (Genesis 2:24)

But for now, as you are growing from a young girl to a lovely woman, remember that your family members are the closest people in your life.

Your parents love you best. Trust them.



Scripture Referred to in Chapter 1

Deuteronomy 6:7-9

7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Genesis 2:24

24Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Chapter 3: We Are All Different

How can you be a good friend?

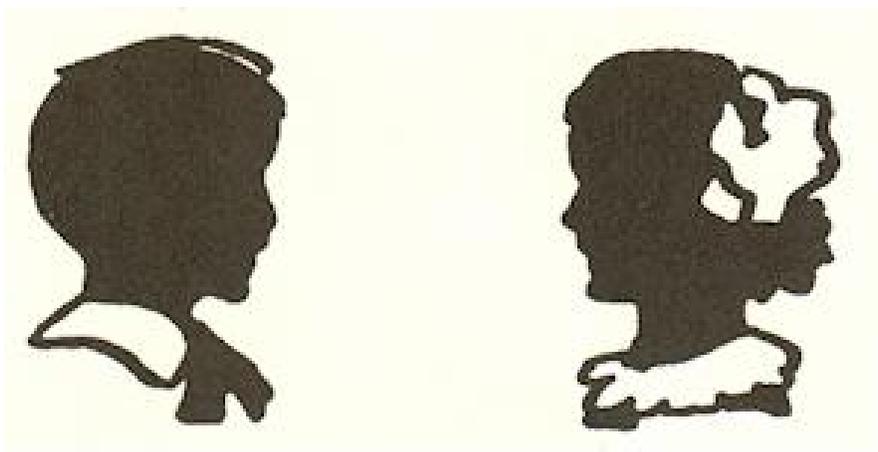
First, remember that everyone is different.

Look around you.

Can you see that God has made different species of birds and plants, insects and woodland creatures?

God is so creative. No two profiles, or fingerprints or heavenly stars are alike! (1 Corinthians 15:41)

When God made you, He made you unique. He made you special and for a reason. (Psalm 139:14-16; Ephesians 2:10)



When God made your friends, He also made them unique.

He made them special, and for a reason as well.

You and your friends are individuals.

Even when you and your friends share many things in common, you are all individuals who think and act differently.

So, to be a good friend, you must first remember that you and your friends are not alike in every way!

Don't always expect your friends to want to play the games you want to play.



Don't always expect them to like the music or books or food you enjoy.

For instance, some people like chocolate ice-cream.

Others prefer strawberry ice-cream.

No one is right and no one is wrong.

It is just an opinion.

A preference.

If someone likes chocolate ice-cream while you like strawberry ice-cream, it doesn't mean the person dislikes you.

It just means that her taste buds, that were created by God, are different from your taste buds.

And that is all right.

How boring this world would be if everyone liked yellow and no other color.

Or everyone just wanted to play soccer all the time.

Or everyone just wanted macaroni and cheese at every meal.

Everyone is different.

Enjoy the difference.

Rejoice in the difference.

You are all unique.



Scripture Referred to in Chapter 3

1 Corinthians 15:41

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

Psalm 139:14-16

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.