

STAND FIRM WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

God give us help to stand firm (1 Corinthians 15:58a)

Read: 2 Samuel 10:9-14 = Two brothers in battle

Talk: Ask these questions and discuss together

- What does the saying “I’ve got your back” mean?
- How is that saying like what happened in our Bible story?
- What can we learn about working together from this Bible story?
- How did the brothers in the story live out the words of 1 Corinthians 15:58?
- How can we live out that Bible verse?

Activity: Gather some craft sticks and pencils

1. Distribute one craft stick and encourage children to write their name on it.
2. Then, ask them to think of one thing that makes life hard (schoolwork, bullies, worries, etc.)
3. As they think of their problem, have children break their stick.
4. Now give out lots of craft sticks. On each one, children should write the name of a different family member or friend.
5. Stack all the sticks together and see if children can break the whole stack of sticks (hopefully, they will not be able to)
6. Ask, “How would having friends and family members standing with you help you stand firm against any problems in life?”



Pray: Father, we know that you give us family and friends to help us stand firm in our faith. Thank you for giving us each other. Let us stand firm for each other so that our family and friends will have the courage to stand firm in their faith too. Amen.