



### **The Pirate and the Firefly**

A Boy, a Bug, and a Lesson in Wisdom

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## **REMEMBER**

“Oh the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord.” – Psalm 1:1-2

## **READ**

First Samuel 18:1-4 tells us a bit about the great friendship shared by David and Jonathan. The two men could have chosen to be enemies, but instead they showed amazing loyalty, generosity, and love for each other. Like David and Jonathan, your true friends will protect you, support you, and—most of all—encourage you to follow God. It’s wise to look for those kinds of friends.

## **THINK**

1. Make a list of what makes someone a good friend. Does the list describe your friends? Does it describe you?
2. How is Jesus the best friend of all?
3. When your friends want you to do something that isn’t right, how does it make you feel?
4. Sometimes making wise choices isn’t easy. What can you say to your friends to make it clear that you will follow God no matter what?
5. Does God ever think it’s okay to steal? What does the Bible say?
6. Say a prayer and ask God for wisdom and help the next time you feel pressured to do something wrong. He can give you all the strength you need!

## **DO**

Make your own treasure map.

1. Cut out five small pieces of paper. On each, write a different characteristic of a godly friend. You might choose words such as *helpful*, *loyal*, and *loving*.
2. On a sixth piece of paper, draw a coupon for an act of kindness (“Good for one hour of me cleaning your room” or “Redeem for one hug from me”).
3. Hide the pieces of paper around your yard or around a large room.
4. On a large piece of paper, make a map by marking an X where you hid each “treasure.” Draw a dotted line between the Xs to make one long trail that ends with the kindness coupon.
5. Fold up your treasure map and pass it on to a friend or sibling. Explain that the map will lead them to a special treasure - your friendship!

*There’s no better friend than Jesus, and His way is always the best choice.*