

The Friendship Trek trail

Meet Friendship Circles and Circle Guides at the start of the trail, Trailhead Opening, then travel to five rotation sites with several other circles. All sites reinforce the Main Ideas and help children discover Jesus, our Forever Friend! Finally, everyone returns to Friendship Summit for a large-group closing.

Remember, preschoolers have their own separate program with age-appropriate openings and closings. See pages 21–23 and the *Preschool Pals Leader Guide* in your *Starter Kit*.



Trailhead Opening

- 🕒 **25 minutes**
- Meet Circle Guides & Friendship Circles.
- Circle Guides get supplies for their small groups.
- Use *Opening Resources* to read the Bible story Scripture together.
- Learn & respond to the Main Idea.
- Sing & do song actions.
- Meet *Friendship Trek* hikers in the *Skit DVD*.
- Pray.
- Hear announcements.
- Dismiss to rotation sites.

Campfire Bible Stories

- Actively experience the Bible story.
- Reinforce the Main Idea.
- Discuss “friend 2 friend” in Friendship Circles.

Buddy’s Bible Challenge

- Reinforce Bible story and Main Idea.
- Learn Bible memory verses with recorded rhythms.
- Do Buddy-Up Activities to know & share the friendship of Jesus.



Friendship Summit Closing

- 🕒 **25 minutes**
- Review the Main Idea.
- Sing & do song actions.
- Do a Mission Minute.
- Pray, including the *Closing Resource* prayer that reinforces the Bible memory verse.
- Resolve the *Friendship Trek* hikers’ conflict in the *Skit DVD* and take the Good Friend Challenge.
- Receive *Friendship Flips*, take-home information, and a parting blessing from Circle Guides.

2 Hit the trail!



20 minutes
at each site
5 minutes
between sites

Survivor Games

- Play games that reinforce the Bible story & Main Idea.
- Discuss Game Points.

Wilderness Crafts

- Make crafts that reinforce the Bible story & Main Ideas.
- Listen to *Campfire Songs*.

Backpack Snacks

- Make snacks that reinforce the Bible story & Main Idea.
- Pray & eat.
- Discuss *Real-Life Stories* with Friendship Circles.