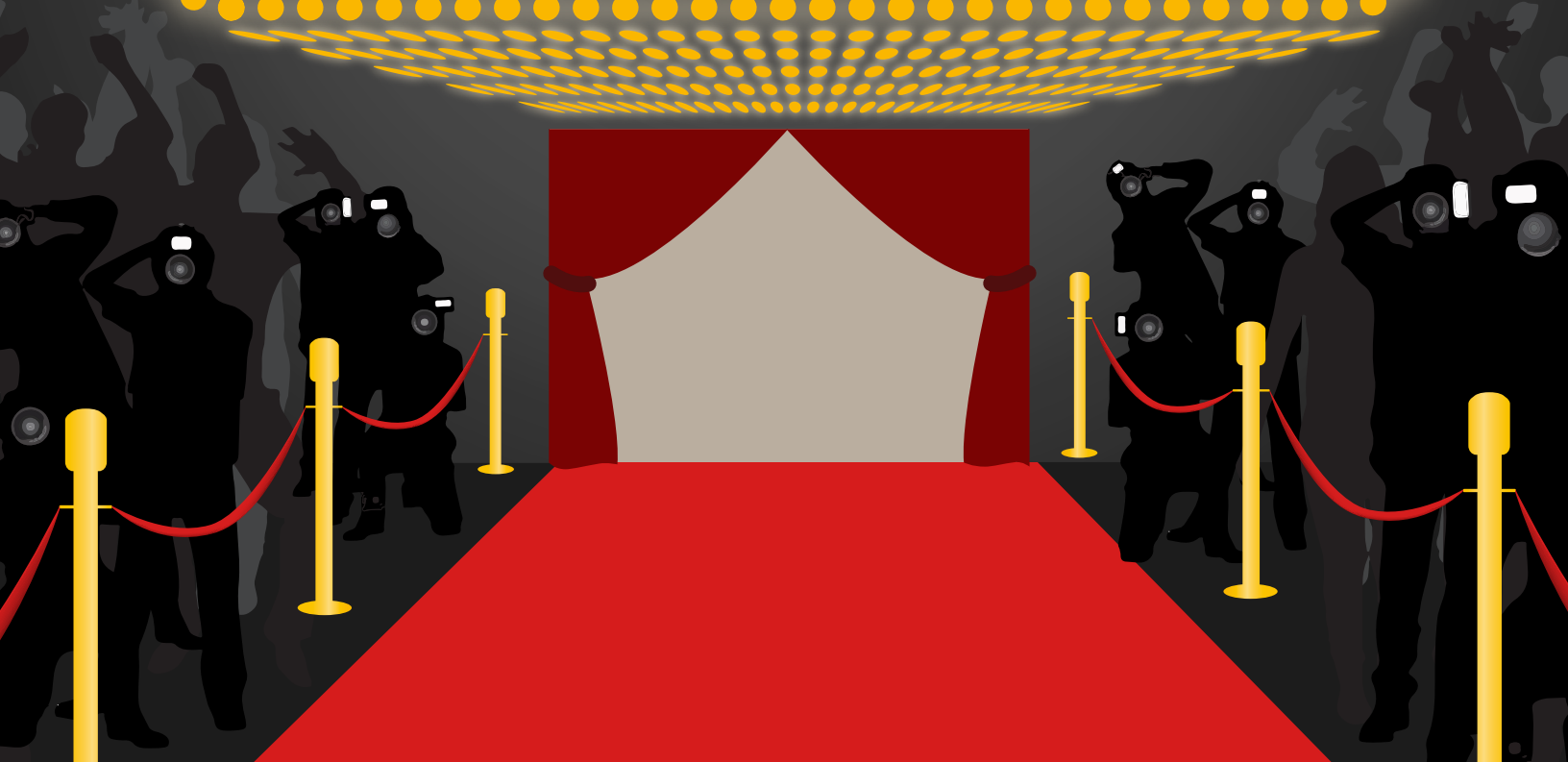


**LIGHTS
CAMERA
ACTION!**



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TOPIC

Friendship

BIBLE STORY

Jonathan and David - 1 Samuel 18-20

MOVIE

Cars

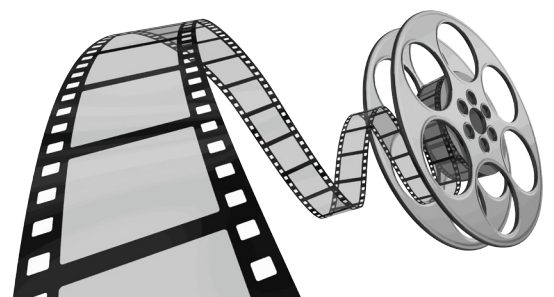
TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

Don't be selfish. Instead, put others before yourself.

WEEKLY VERSE

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”

Philippians 2:3



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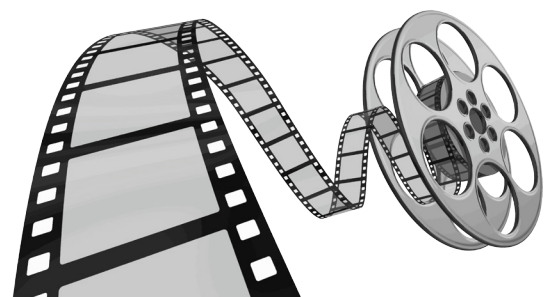
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Skit Information

The skits will require two people. One person will play themselves (the straight character), and the other person will play the funny character. It works best if you can find a person willing to commit to being the character for the entire series.

Character Bio

The character's name is Cameron Action. Cameron Action is an eccentric director who loves to tell other people what to do. He thinks everything in life is a movie he need to "direct". He is a director at his own movie studio, Action Studios. Consider putting your character in all black: shirt, pants, and shoes. Extras: Add a clapper board prop, megaphone, beret, and a fake mustache.



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SKIT

Leader: How is everyone doing today? I can't wait to hear how Cameron's conversation with the other studio director went. I hope he chose to do the right thing.

Cameron: *Comes in singing a song, clearly in a great mood.*

Leader: Hey Cameron. You seem like you are in a great mood today.

Cameron: I sure am!

Leader: Well, not that it's not great to be in a good mood every day, but why are you so particularly giddy today?

Cameron: Remember how last week I was going to go over and talk to that big studio director about that list of actors I found?

Leader: Yes of course! I was just talking to the kids about that! How did it go?

Cameron: It turns out that we actually have a lot in common! Obviously we both love movies, we have the same favorite color, hollywood red, and we both nap snack!

Leader: Oh that's great... wait what? What is nap snacking?

Cameron: It's exactly what it sounds like! When you are a big studio director like we both are, there is no time for eating and napping. So we decided to combine the two! We snack while we nap!

Leader: That doesn't sound like the healthiest of habits, but ok! I am glad that you have found a fellow studio director to be friends with!

Cameron: Well, I mean I guess we are friends, but if I hear about a new movie idea first you can bet I'm going to jump on it and make sure he doesn't find out about it.

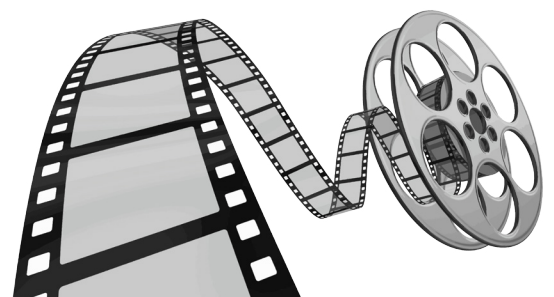
Leader: Hmm. It sounds to me like you are more concerned with your studio than about your friendship.

Cameron: Of course I am. My studio, Action Studios, is my life! Nothing is more important to me!

Leader: I think you might be a little mixed up in your thinking, Cameron. So, what happens when you become the next big studio director?

Cameron: Excuse you, I already am a big studio director.

Leader: Ok, so what happens when you become an even bigger studio director? Will you have any friends to invite over to celebrate with you, to cheer you on, to support you?



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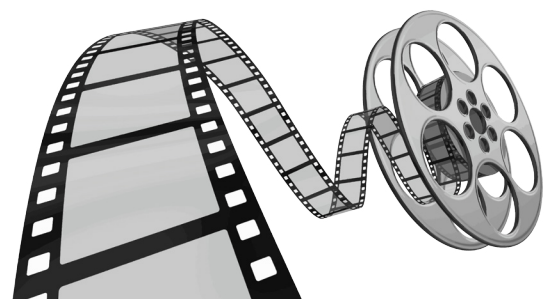
Cameron: Um, I guess that's a good question. I don't really have a lot of friends. I've just been so busy working all the time at my studio that I don't have a lot of time to spend with others.

Leader: It sounds like it might be a good time for you to consider making time for some friends. Also, you might want to think about treating them a little nicer. Nobody wants to be friends with someone who only cares about themselves and never thinks about other people's feelings.

Cameron: That sounds pretty hard. I'm used to mostly thinking about myself and my studio, but I guess I have to start thinking about other people if I want to have any friends.

Leader: Exactly!

Cameron: Thanks for the advice. I'm going to go find my new friend and invite him over to my studio so we can share ideas. See you next week!



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GAME: CARS RELAY RACE

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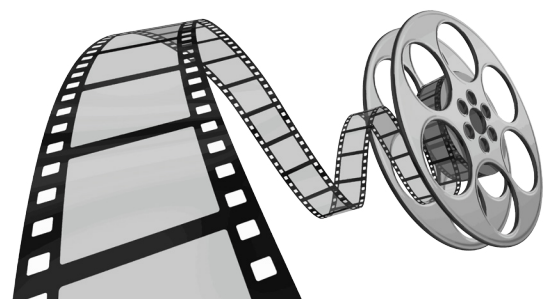
- Small scooters/anything with wheels (one per team)
- Cones
- Glow sticks
- Buckets (one per team)

Setup

- Set up an obstacle course for the kids using cones. You can make it as hard or easy as you like. Set up 1-3 bigger cones at the end of the obstacle course.
- Right before the game, crack your glow sticks and make rings using two sticks and two connectors per ring. You will need 6 rings per team playing the game.

How To Play

1. Choose 6 kids from each team to play.
2. Give each team a scooter and a bucket with their glow rings in it.
3. Kids will race one-by-one on scooters carrying one glow ring through the obstacle course to the end where the big cone(s) are. When they get to the end of the course, they must throw their glow stick ring around a cone. After they successfully do this, they must turn around and go through the obstacle course backwards on their scooter and tag the next person in line.
4. Keep playing until one team has completed the course and gotten all 6 of their glow rings on a cone.
5. Optional: If you don't have scooters you can use roller skates or just have the kids crawl through the obstacle course.



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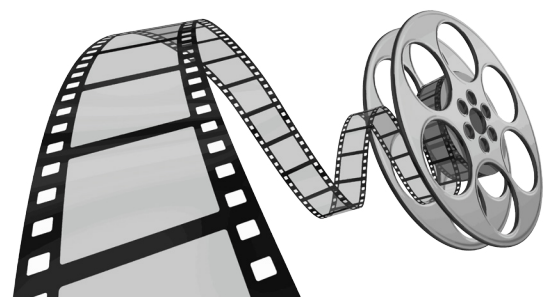
MESSAGE

Supplies

- A Bible in your preferred version (this curriculum uses the NLT version primarily)
- Cars Movie Clips prepared:
 - One man show clip (9:35-10:23)
 - No friends clip (18:30-19:08)
 - Better with friends clip (1:37:00-1:37:50)
- 2 Easter eggs or other two items you can connect together (you will need to tape one together and super glue the other together before your message)
- Scotch tape
- Super glue

Introduction

Today we are going to be talking about friendship and how we should treat others. How many of you have friends? *Allow kids to respond.* What about a best friend? *Allow kids to respond.* Friendship can be really great if we are willing to treat others the way God wants us to treat them. Raise your hand if you have seen the movie, Cars. At the beginning of the movie, Lightning McQueen isn't really a very nice car. Check out this clip from the movie. *Play "One man show" clip.* After watching that clip, would you want to be friends with someone like him? *Allow kids to respond.* He's only concerned about himself and his fame. He calls himself a one many show, and doesn't think he needs anyone else. After a while, he starts to realize he doesn't really have any friends. *Play "No friends" clip.* He has a big race coming up, but no one to invite to cheer him on and support him. When he ends up lost in a tiny town called Radiator Springs, he meets a bunch of cars he never would have hung out with before. He begins to realize that there are more important things in life than just winning races. In this last clip, we see that things are different in his next race. *Play "Better with friends" clip.* This time, the race was different. He had his new friends helping him out as his pit crew and cheering him on. In the end,



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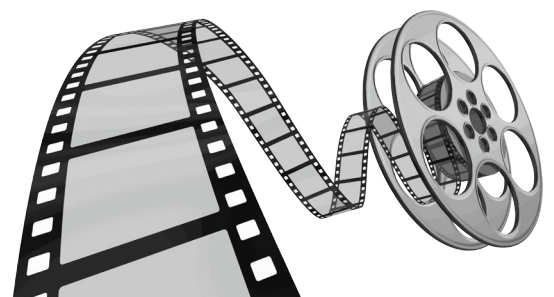
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Lightning McQueen chooses to lose his big race to go back and help another car finish. He learns that people and friendships are more important than himself and his big win.

Bible Story

Friendships can be really awesome, but sometimes we have to set aside what is best for us to help our friends. True friendship is being willing to put others before yourself. A great example of a true friendship in the Bible is Jonathan and David's friendship. Last week, we learned about how David was a man of integrity who chose to do the right thing. He spared King Saul even though he was trying to kill David. If we rewind back a few chapters before that to 1 Samuel 18, we see the beginning of a very unlikely friendship. Let's read 1 Samuel 18:1-3 together to see how David and Jonathan became friends. "After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself."

Let's talk about Jonathan for a second. Whose son does the Bible tell us he was? *Allow kids to respond.* That's right! He was Saul's son. In fact, he was the one who was supposed to become king when Saul died. However, who had God anointed to become the next king? *Allow kids to respond.* David had been anointed to be the next king. If you Jonathan, would you want to be friends with the person who was going to take the kingdom away from you? Probably not, but for some reason they became best friends anyway. As we know from last week's message, Saul ends up becoming very jealous of David and tries to kill him. Jonathan should have been jealous of David too, but he cared too much about their friendship to allow jealousy to get in the way. In chapter 19, Saul actually asks Jonathan to kill David, but Jonathan goes to David and warns him of Saul's plans instead. He even goes to Saul to try and talk him out of killing David. This is what Jonathan said to his father, Saul, about David, "He's never



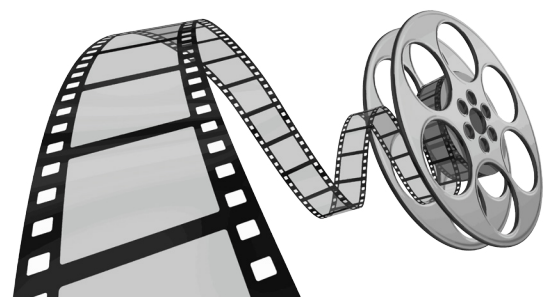
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done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!" Do you think it was easy for Jonathan to stand up to Saul and tell him not to go through with his plans? *Allow kids to respond.* I'm sure it was very hard, but because he spoke to his father, he changed his mind for the moment. By chapter 20, Saul is back to trying to kill David and this time he tries to hide it from Jonathan because he knows about their friendship. Jonathan promises to tell David if he finds out his father's plan and almost ends up getting killed himself by Saul for protecting David. Jonathan is willing to stop at nothing to protect his friend and save his life.

Life Application/Object Lesson

What about you? Are you the type of friend Jonathan was to David, or are you more concerned about taking care of yourself? You don't have to answer that question out loud, but I want you to think about it for a moment. Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves." God wants us to be the type of friend who puts others before ourselves. I have two Easter eggs left over from Easter. *Pull out Easter eggs, tape, and super glue.* One of these eggs has been put together with scotch tape and the other has been sealed with super glue. Which one do you think is stronger? *Allow kids to respond.* I think you are right, but let's test them out. *Pull on Easter egg with super glue first, it should hold together. Next, pull the scotch taped egg apart.* Sometimes our friendships only hold together as well as the taped Easter egg. When things get hard, or you are asked to do something you don't want to do, the friendship just falls apart. However, God wants us to have friendships like this super-glued egg. Friendships that stick together and take care of one another. Proverbs 18:24 says, "There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother." Let's pray and ask God to help us be the type of friends Jonathan and David were to each other, willing to put our friends needs before our own.



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GAME: STOP LIGHT TOSS

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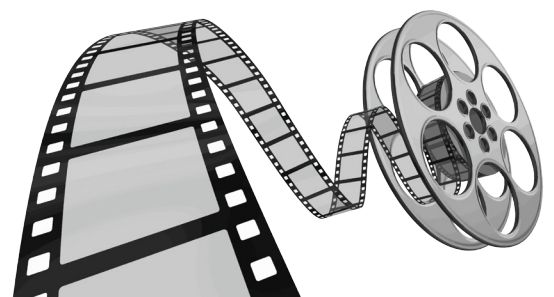
- Cardboard box
- X-acto knife
- Red, green and yellow acrylic paint
- Small paint brushes
- Small red, green, and yellow balls
- Tape (painters or masking tape)

Setup

- Take a medium-sized box and cut three equal holes in one of the sides to make it look like a stop light. Make sure the holes are big enough for the balls to go into them.
- Paint a ring of red, yellow, and green around each of the holes.
- Put a line of tape on the floor at the distance from the box where you want the kids to throw the balls from.

How to Play

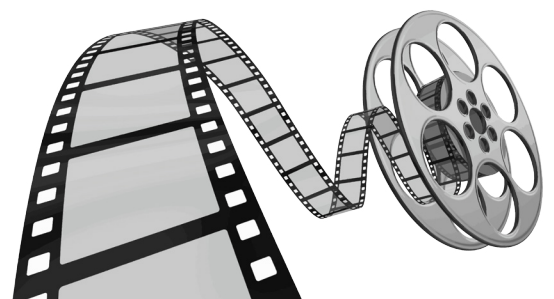
1. Everyone can play.
2. Have all the kids line up behind the piece of tape on the floor. Give each kid a chance to throw a red, yellow, and green ball. The goal is to get the correct color ball in the correct hole.
3. If a kid gets all three balls in the correct holes, they will go on to the next round.
4. Keep playing until only one kid remains. You can choose to make it harder each round by moving the kids back a step.
5. Optional: If you have a larger group of kids, you can make multiple stop light boxes or only choose a few kids to play the game on stage.



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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does friendship mean to you?
2. Do you think you would do the same things for David if you were in Jonathan's shoes? Why or why not?
3. What are some qualities you look for in a friend?
4. What are some qualities you would not like a friend to have?
5. Optional: Look up these verses about friendship and discuss them as a group.
 - Philippians 2:3
 - Proverbs 18:24
 - John 15:13
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of our current series?
Answer: Lights, Camera, Action!
2. Who does Lightning McQueen think he needs at the beginning of Cars?
Answer: Only himself
3. What was the name of David's closest friend?
Answer: Jonathan
4. What is Today's Takeaway?
Answer: Don't be selfish. Instead, put others before yourself.
5. What is one good quality you think a friend should have?
Answer: Answers vary

