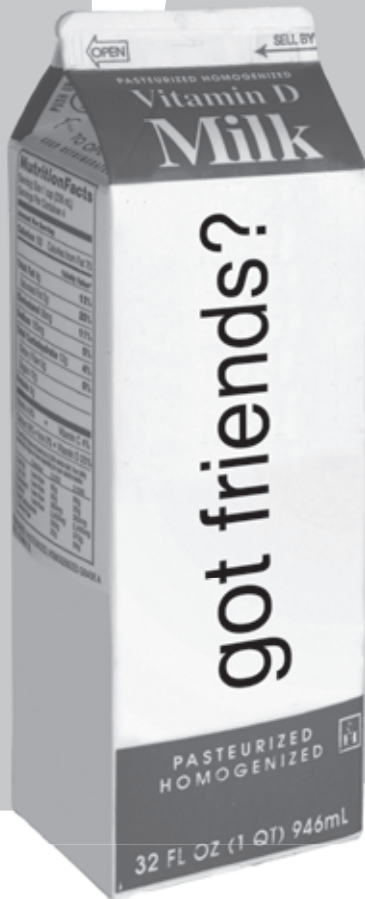


Got Friends?

SAMPLE LESSON



Why Should I Butt In?

The Point: I Am Responsible for Others

The Passage: Genesis 3:1-13

grapple schedule (see pages 4-5 for descriptions)

5 minutes	grapple hang time
10-15 minutes	grapple games and clues
10 minutes	grapple time
15 minutes	grapple team time
10 minutes	grapple team reports
5 minutes	grapple prayer and dare

Supplies 

Bibles, *Grapple* DVD, DVD player, Christian music CD, CD player, copy of the Grapple Team Guide for each person, paper, pencils, blindfolds, 10-foot cords (1 for every 4 kids), yarn or string, scissors

grapple hang time: 5 minutes

Play Christian music as kids enjoy snacks and friendship, and then play an opening countdown from the *Grapple* DVD to wrap up Grapple Hang Time.

grapple games: 10-15 minutes

Lead kids in the games they chose ahead of time at mygrapple.com.

grapple clues

Have kids write the answers to this week's Grapple Clues. Award points for each correct answer. The winning team gets the Grapple Button (see page 5).

CLUE 1 [283 points]:

From what tree were Adam and Eve forbidden to eat? (*Tree of the knowledge of good and evil*)

CLUE 2 [348 points]:

Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden so that they would not be able to eat from the tree of life. Find the last time the Bible mentions this tree. (*Revelation 22:19*)

CLUE 3 [487 points]:

Find out the team name of three classmates' first sports teams.

CLUE 4 [878 points]:

Find out one nice thing that each of your Grapple teammates did for somebody this week.

GET READY ▶ Cue the Grapple DVD to the “Dr. Harry Clarkson” clip.

Lead the entire class in the following:

Now it’s time for Blind Alphabet.

Divide the class into groups of four, blindfold all of the kids, and hand each group a 10-foot cord.

Everyone grasp the cord with both hands. I am going to tell you a letter of the alphabet, and then it is your responsibility to make that letter with the cord. As you make the first three letters, you may not speak to each other. As you make the next three letters, you can speak to each other. And as you make the final three letters, you can take off your blindfolds and speak to each other.

Play until everyone has made all nine letters.



How did you feel when you couldn’t see your letters or hear directions from the other students? How did you communicate what you wanted your teammates to do when you couldn’t see them or speak to them? Did you get frustrated or angry? Why? Did you blame others for not accomplishing the task effectively? Did you want to have more control over how the letter was being made?



Why is communication so important? In your opinion, to what extent are you responsible for what people do and how they act around you?

Let’s watch a DVD clip as we continue to look at what it takes to be responsible for others.

Show the “Dr. Harry Clarkson” clip on the *Grapple* DVD.

Why should we be concerned about others, especially when they just use us? Everyone says we should mind our own business, but if you were about to make the mistake of your life, wouldn’t it help if someone said something to warn you? Does God really want us to stick our noses where they don’t belong? Let’s grapple with that.

grapple team time: 15 minutes

Break into Grapple Teams. Encourage Grapple Team leaders to check in with kids about their week. Grapple Team leaders will facilitate discussion, using the Grapple Team Guide on pages 65-66. Afterward, kids will report what they learned.

grapple team reports: 10 minutes

At the end of Grapple Team Time, match Grapple Teams that chose Option 1 with Grapple Teams that chose Option 2 from page 66. Have teams present their reports.

grapple prayer: 5 minutes

GET READY ▶ For Option 2, hand out one piece of string to every two kids.

Read the Grapple Prayer options. Have the class choose one prayer option that everyone will do. Allow kids time to pray about what they discovered. Then close in prayer.

Option 1: Shame Off You!

Most of the time when we hear the word *shame*, it is followed by *on you*. However, Jesus wants to free us from this burden. Get into groups of two (for uneven numbers, have one trio). Place your hand on your partner's shoulder, look your partner in the eye, and say "Shame off you!" Take time to pray for each other.

Option 2: String Together

Tie one end of a piece of yarn or string around your wrist, and tie the other end around the wrist of a partner. Sit down and pray for strength in order to be responsible for one another and help each other fight temptation.

grapple dare

We are responsible for both our actions and our inactions. God wants us to *butt in*. I dare you to not stand there silently next time you see a friend treating sin lightly. Butt in! Be careful not to shame or blame, but pull your friend aside and say something.

Remember to go to mygrapple.com this week to choose the opening games for next week, look for Grapple Clues to win the Grapple Button, play an online game, and connect with each other—and me.



grapple team guide

In your Grapple Team, use this guide to grapple with today's question.

Think of a time you were blamed for something you didn't do. How did you feel? How did you react?

Now think of a time someone else was blamed for something you did. What was that like? How did you feel? Did you say something? Why or why not?

Today we'll look at the first man, Adam, on the day he should have said something but didn't. And because of his silence, the world has never been the same.

Read Genesis 3:1-13.



Eve was the one who took the fruit. But Adam stood there without saying a thing. In your opinion, was Adam or Eve more responsible for this "original sin"? Discuss your answer with your partner. The serpent lied to Adam and Eve, and Satan still lies to us today. What are some lies Satan tries to tell you about yourself, God, or your friends and family?

The first thing God did when he came to the garden was ask where Adam and Eve were. Adam said that he was afraid because he was naked. When we mess up like Adam did, we feel exposed or naked. Describe a time when you felt "naked" after sinning. What did you do to help cover that up?

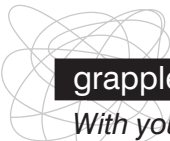
Adam and Eve began making excuses and pointing their fingers at each other—why was it hard for them to simply accept responsibility? When you accept responsibility for your actions, do you feel better or worse? Explain.

“To each his own.” “Mind your own business.” “Don’t stick your nose where it doesn’t belong.”

These statements are all very popular sayings in our culture. We are supposed to worry about ourselves and leave everyone else well enough alone.

In Pairs Should we say something when we know a friend is heading down the wrong path? Why or why not?

Jesus says we must love others as much as ourselves. If we would avoid certain situations, then we should do our best to keep those we love away from those situations as well. Suppose your friends are planning to do something illegal or harmful. How would you approach them and effectively convince them to not go through with it?



grapple team reports

With your team, choose one of the options below to report what you discovered.

Option 1: L.E.A.R.N.

Create an acronym using the word *LEARN* to share what you learned. For example, the A in *LEARN* could stand for “Accept responsibility.”

Option 2: Parodies

Pick a well-known children’s song, such as “Row, Row, Row Your Boat,” and create new lyrics that explain what you learned. Then perform the song as a group.