

How to be a Bible Buddy

A Bible Buddy is Camp Michawana's way to say "mentor." We believe the most important elements of mentoring are God's Word (Bible) and Relationships (Buddy)!

Being a mentor is a very significant calling, but it doesn't have to be complicated. It is not important what you have in common or what you do with your child. The impact of the mentor is that the youth now has someone in their life who cares, loves and affirms them as God's child. Here are four simple steps that will get you started:

1) *Make time each day (even just 5 mins is great) to [pray for your buddy](#).*

2) *[Just be available](#) to drive your buddy to and from your churches youth programs. While you in the car, use the time to learn about your student's life. You might ask your student what they like at school, what they like doing outside of school, what their family is like, how can you be praying for them...*

3) *[Meet your buddy's family](#). Take a moment to meet them when you pick the student up or drop them off. Or just bring them some cookies sometime. Then use the time to get to know them and see if God opens the door for you to invite the family to an event, program, or service at your church.*

4) *Make time (once a month is a good start) to [meet with your student one on one](#). Take them for a coke or dessert at their favorite fast food place. Or play catch with them at a public park. (Just make sure to never be alone and out of sight with your student). [This doesn't have to be another event on your calendar, bring your buddy along somewhere your family is going already. Let them see a healthy family in action!](#)*

Use this time to ask your student deeper questions about their life and about their walk with Jesus. Some great questions are: how are you doing with reading the Bible? What questions do you have about being a Christian? What scriptures are you memorizing? What is something God has put on your heart to do? What's one way I could help you? What's hard for you right now? What would you like to know about my life? The key is just to build relationship. [Being a mentor isn't rocket science](#). It's just one person making time for and sharing life with another person. If you let God direct your steps and commit to investing in your student, you'll be an excellent mentor.

Camp Michawana will distribute feedback forms from each camper's week at camp to help you get started on conversations about the Bible and to know where they stand spiritually. We are here to help and support you, just ask and we'd love to help with ideas, materials, and support!

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