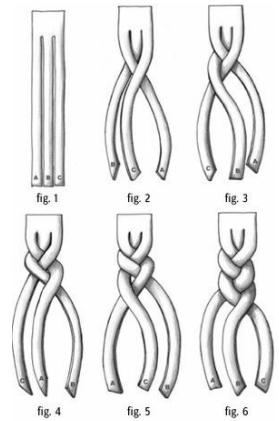


# Activity #1: Braiders Gonna Braid



## **Instructions:**

Braid the various types of materials together. In your kits, there are pipe cleaners, straws, and string. To add a challenge you can try braiding spaghetti noodles or other materials you find at home together.

\*If you do not know how to braid use the picture in the top right corner to help you learn this new skill!

## **Questions:**

- What is something you could use each of the braids for?
- Where are some places that you find your friends?
- What are some ways you can choose your friends carefully?

## **Application:**

Notice how the different types of materials braid together. Each of the materials can be used for something different. For example, the braided pipe cleaner could be used as a zipper pull and the string could be a fun bracelet.

It is great to have strong friendships that can help us in many different ways. Friendship is like having a strong braided rope to lean on when we need it. You have many different kinds of friendships and there are so many different places you can find friends.

In this activity, some braids were strong, and others that could only be used in certain situations, such as the spaghetti rope. You wouldn't want to use the spaghetti rope to tie up a present or swing from a tree. It's okay to have different kinds of friendships, too.

The first rule of friendship is that you should choose your friends carefully. Whether you are friends on a team who cooperate to try to win or best buddies you play with every day. I challenge you to think about how to be a great friend no matter how you know them.

## **Pray:**

Take your braids that you made and have your child repeat this sentence:  
“[Your child's name], choose your friends wisely.”

Close in prayer: “Dear God, Thank you for the opportunity to choose our friends carefully. Thank you for the wisdom You've given us to surround ourselves with relationships where we can love and be loved. Please give us wisdom to treat others the way we want to be treated and to be careful with our friendships. Amen”