

BLOCK PARTY

Experiencing Godly Friendships



Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)

Suggested uses: during family devotions, meal time, long family car rides, etc.

Follow-Up to KidsQuest Online
September 6, 2020

Truth (Read: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. What makes someone a good friend? (Loves and honors God, kind, faithful, gentle, peacemaker, encouraging, good listener, etc.)
2. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, we learned that a "cord," or a braid or twist, can't be easily broken. Why is that? (Fibers that are twisted or braided are stronger than the same bundle of fibers that are straight because the cord has more capacity to stretch.)
3. What does the cord have to do with friendship? How do your friendships make you stronger? (Friends make each other stronger by helping each other, comforting each other, serving each other.)
4. What kind of friend are you? What kind of friend do you want to be?
5. Who can we turn to for help when we are struggling to be a good friend? (Jesus)
6. How is Jesus the greatest friend you could ask for? (The Bible says "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends," and that is what Jesus did for us!)

Accountability

Say this verse as a family together:

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

1. What does this verse mean when it says "a brother is born for adversity?"
(a friend is there to help when trouble comes)
2. Is there a specific situation where you feel like you can love a friend better this week?

Mission

Talk as a family about how you can be friends to those who don't know Jesus. Is there someone right now your family can show the love of Jesus to? Maybe even share the gospel with?

Supplication

Discuss as a family what adjectives you want to use to fill in the below blanks. Pray together.

God, I pray that you would help us be good friends. Jesus, show us and remind us how to serve and love others. Help us be _____, _____, and _____ friends.



A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.

Proverbs 17:17

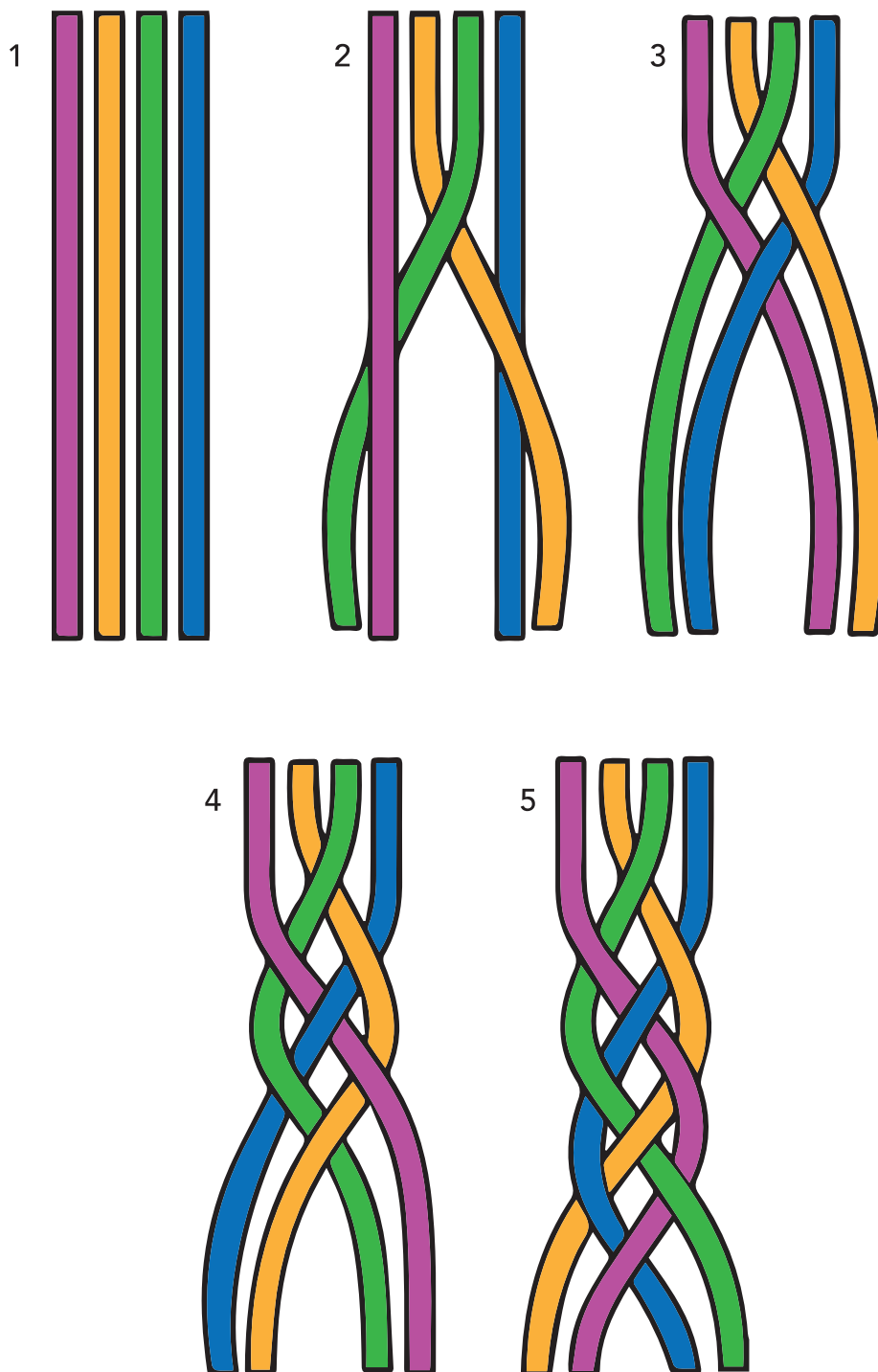
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Step 2: Tie your string onto your key ring BEFORE you begin your braid.

Step 3: Follow the pattern illustrations below to make your braid.

Step 4: When the braid is the length you want it to be, tie a knot at the end.

4-Strand Braid



What to Do:

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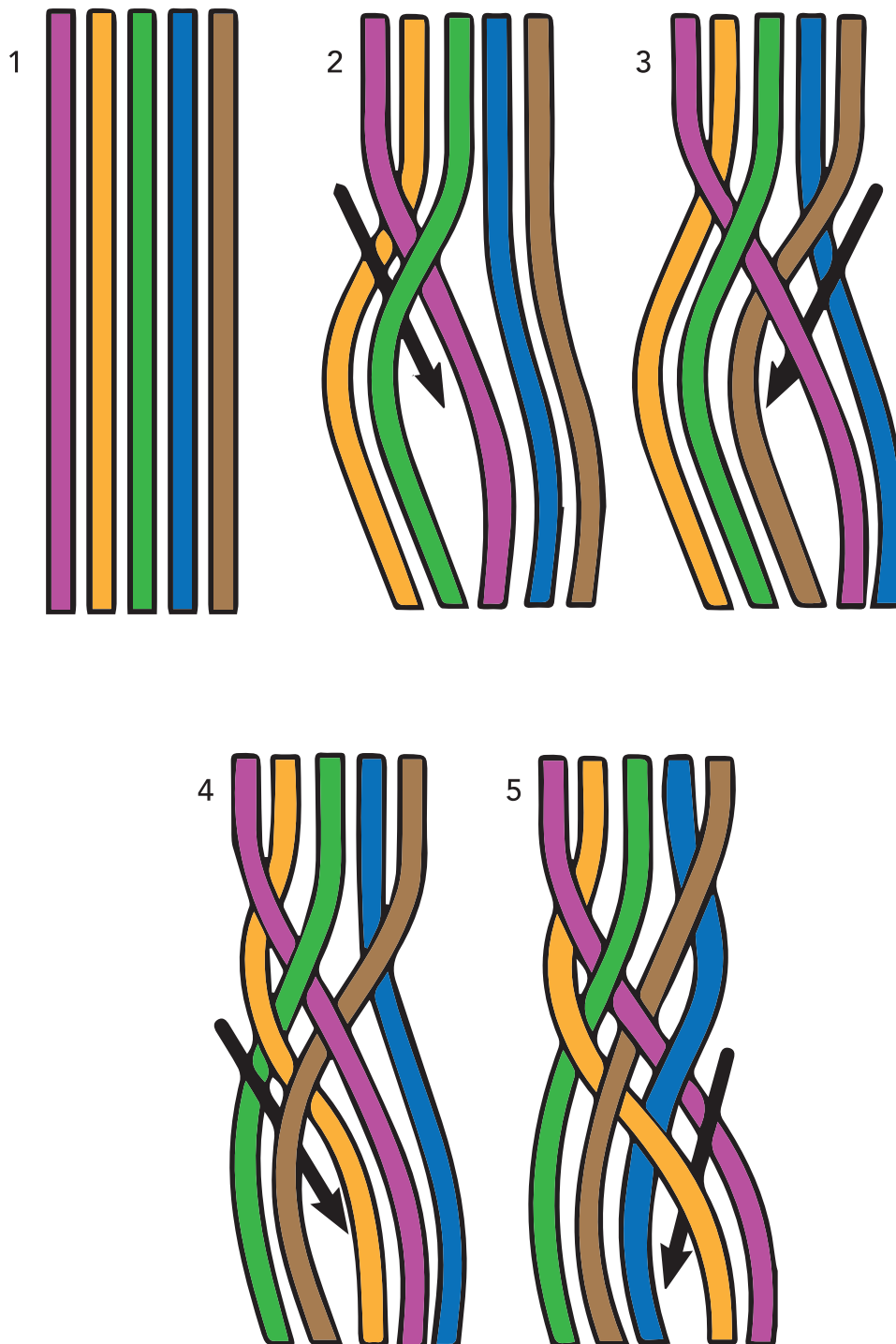
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5-Strand Braid



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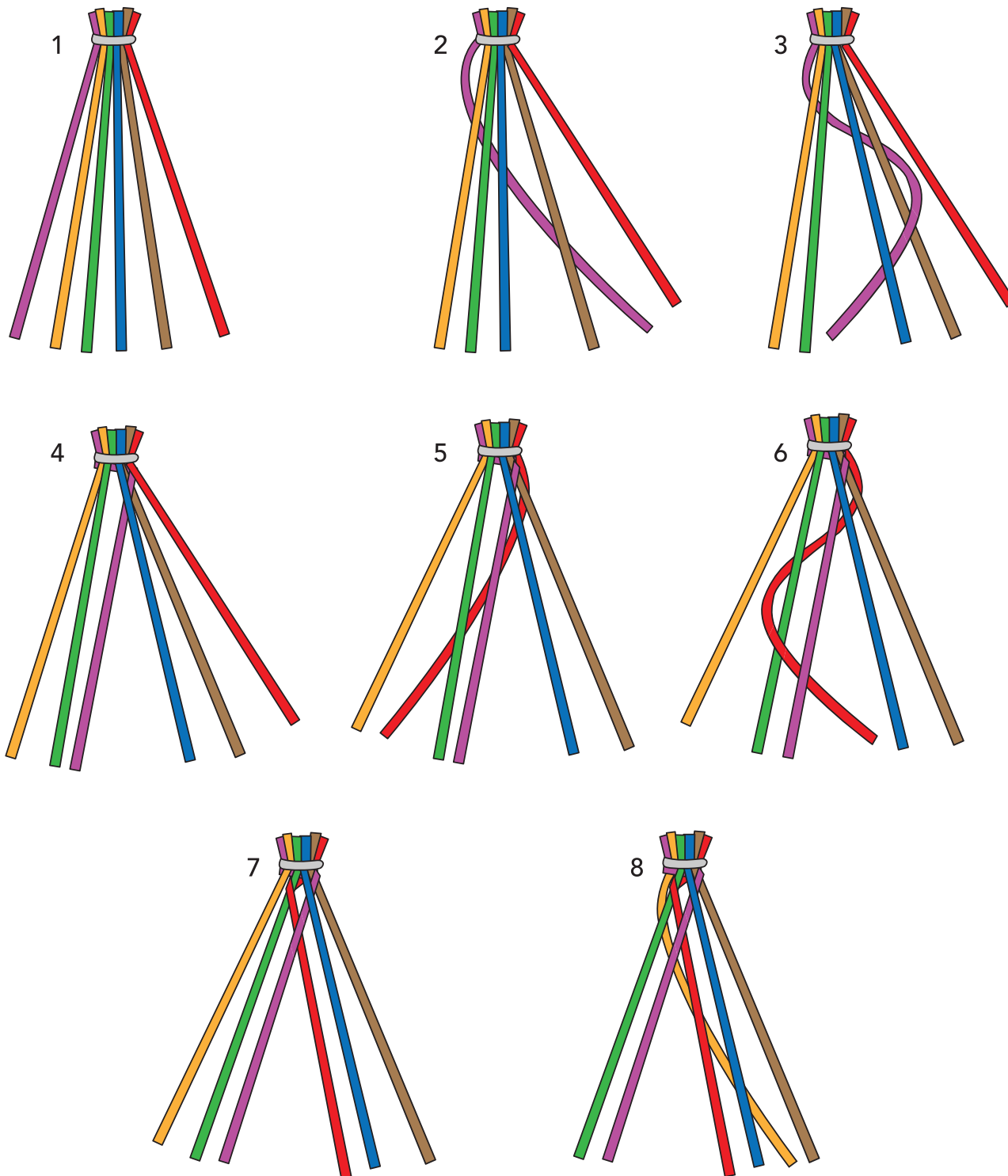
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6-Strand Braid



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