

Dogs Best Friend!

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Preparation

Have a Doggy display pictures, ornaments, toys, magnets and calendars, etc.

For prizes: Small items depicting "Dogs" — calendars, key chains, stick on notes, fridge magnets. (Shop at the Dollar or Pet Store)

Introduction

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get along without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when something goes wrong though it was no fault of yours,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

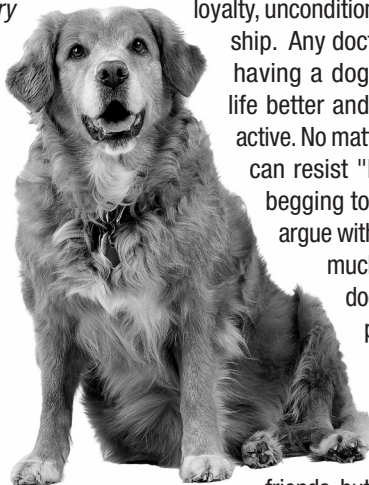
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can honestly say that you have no prejudice against creed, colour, religion, or politics, then you have to be a DOG, one of the kindest, gentlest creatures on the face of the earth! (Source The Internet)



Dogs are adorable creatures that greet us with a wag of their tail. There are hundreds of breeds found throughout the world some very large, others very small and they quickly become a member of the family. They give loyalty, unconditional love, and companionship. Any doctor can also tell you that having a dog makes helps to make life better and healthier, and be more active. No matter how lazy you feel, who can resist "Rover" when he comes begging to go for a walk. You can't argue with the fact that we become much more relaxed, when our dog comes to us for a gentle pat on the head.



Dogs are amazing creatures! Not only can they be incredible friends, but trained dogs can provide humans with much needed assistance. So many make wonderful service dogs faithfully doing tasks from being their eyes, to helping them get around in wheel chairs. From picking up a dropped pencil to warning the deaf that something needs their attention. Dogs are indeed a kind, faithful, loving friends.

Song: SASB 645/TB 451 or 438, *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*



Game: All answers found in the phrase
DOG, MAN S BEST FRIEND

- Our Creator — *God*
- Fancy eating — *Dine*
- It needs calcium — *Bones*
- Peel of an orange — *Rind*
- Roman Numeral X — *Ten*
- A man s accessory — *Tie*
- Seen in the sky — *Star*
- A long way — *Far*
- A child s game — *Tag*
- Marshy ground — *Bog*
- University residence — *Dorm*
- Part of the foot — *Toe*
- A grown up male — *Man*
- A fruit — *Fig*
- To make salt fish they have to be — *Dried*
- It helps to cool you off — *Fan*
- A male cat — *Tom*



The Creation of Dog

*When God had made the earth and sky
the flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals
the fish, the birds and bees.*

*And when at last He'd finished
not one was quite the same.
He said, "I'll walk the world of mine
and give each one a name."*

*And so he traveled far and wide
and everywhere he went,
a little creature followed him
until its strength was spent.*

*When all were named upon the earth
and in the sky and sea,
the little creature said "Dear Lord,
there's not one left for me."*

*Kindly the Father said to him
I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
and called you DOG, My friend."*

Author Unknown

Chorus: (Tune: *Burning, Burning*)

*Friends today and friends tomorrow,
Friends in joy and friends in woe,
Friends who help us in our sorrow,
Friends when others come and go,
Love and joy and peace and patience,
Faith and meekness, goodness too,
Gentleness and temperance showing,
In a friend of radiance true.*

Poem: "The Creation of Dog" (Author unknown), *see above*

Scripture: Selected Verses

Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 27:10; Exodus 33:11; John 15:14; John 15:23

Game: Mixed up Breeds

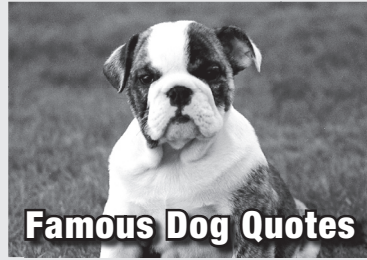
(unscramble the dog breeds)

derhgnouy	Greyhound
mareng deerhphs	German Shepherd
ykhsu	Husky
doelpo	Poodle
rrretie	Terrier
ooudldohbn	Bloodhound
abeleg	Beagle
gobdull	Bulldog
barenodm	Doberman
shiri teetsr	Irish Setter
fewnoddanaul	Newfoundland
corkec lapsine	Cocker Spaniel
illeoc	Collie
orebx	Boxer
targe ande	Great Dane
tinas darernb	Saint Bernard
itorepn	Pointer
nmnaoareip	Pomeranian
sinkpeee	Pekinese
hztis ush	Shitz Shu
dol hinglse heepgods	Old English Sheepdog



Devotional

For thousands of years dogs have been companions for people. Even our ancestors who lived in caves had their dogs, dogs were one of the first animals to be tamed by man.



Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in. *(Mark Twain)*

A dog is the only thing on this earth that will love you more than you love yourself. *(Josh Billings)*

Dogs are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms *(George Elliot)*

The reason dogs have so many friends is because they wag their tails instead of their tongues. *(Anon)*

The dog was created especially for children. *(Henry Ward Beecher)*

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face he doesn't like it. But when you take him out in the car he sticks his head out the window! *(Steve Bluestone)*

My neighbour had two dogs. One said to the other, Woof! the other replies Moo! The first dog is perplexed, Moo? Why did you say moo? The other dog replied, I'm learning a foreign language! *(Morey Amsterdam)*

The other day I saw two dogs walk over to a parking meter. One of them says to the other, How do you like that? Pay Toilets! *(Dave Starr)*

Some other animals may be important to us such as sheep, cows, pigs, and hens etc. as they supply us with food and other necessities of life. As man's friend, the dog comes first. A dog is an intelligent animal, devoted and loyal to its master. Sometimes a child may quarrel with his or her playmates who will go away and leave them alone but their dog will stay with them and lick their hand or face to say, I'm still here, I still like you. A dog is faithful and loyal, he watches over his friends. A dog is always there for you with a listening ear, a dog will stand by you no matter what.



As you know we have an even greater friend than our dog who is loyal and faithful in every circumstance of life. If we are feeling discouraged, or if some human friend has hurt us or let us down, then our BEST FRIEND, JESUS, is there. He is saying to us, "Here I am, I still love



you." He is a true Friend who never fails us, a Friend who paid the highest price He could by giving His life as a sacrifice for our sins so that we could have eternal life. May we always try our best to let God's love shine through us and may we remember how much God loves and cares for us. The dog is a trustworthy loyal animal who is considered to be man's best friend here on earth; but Jesus is our Friend on earth as well as in heaven.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for our friends, our animal friends as well as our human friends; who bring us comfort and enjoyment. We thank You Father for our greatest Friend of all — Your Son Jesus. A Friend when other friendships cease, a Friend when others fail, a Friend when we are sick, a Friend who gives us peace and joy and who will see us through life's journey. Tonight, Lord, we pray for all those who may need a friend at this time, may You meet them at their point of need just now and may they find all they need in You Lord. Amen.

Game: All answers begin with dog

- A swimming stroke — *dog paddle*
- I.D disk attached to dog's collar — *dog tag*
- Impounds stray dogs — *dog catcher*
- Ruthless or competitive — *dog eat dog*
- An aerial battle between fighter planes — *dog fight*
- Any of various small sharks — *dog fish*
- Followed — *dogged*
- When you're in trouble you're in the — *dog house*
- A type of tree — *dogwood*

Closing Song: SASB 709/TB 84, *Friendship With Jesus*