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A Spiritual Lesson in Toon Language: (We Need Christian Morals And Ethics: Lessons IIA, IIB, IIC)

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Series: Tiny Toon Adventures, TaleSpin, Smurfs, Powerpuff Girls

Episodes: Rent-A-Friend (Tiny Toon Adventures), Save The Tiger (TaleSpin), They're Smurfing Our Song (Smurfs), The Love, Love, Love Song (Powerpuff Girls)

Topic: Love and Friendship

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IIA)--What Love and Friendship Isn't

I) Opening Prayer

II) Opening Discussion: Think of your best
friend in the whole wide world. How did
you meet this friend? Was this friendship
forged on lies, anger, or plain being mean?
Or, was this friendship built on same

interests and hobbies, liking each other's company, and being able to be oneself? Pay special attention to this cartoon because we will refer to it in the future sections of this series.

III) Cartoon: **Rent-A-Friend**

IV) Discussion Of Cartoon: Was Montana a friend? What did he do to his 'friends'?

What did he do to try to keep these friends?

Do you think that he would change his mind about being mean?

V) Bible Study I: Read Mathew 26: 14-16,
47-68 (The Story of Judas Iscariot)

VI) Discussion Of Bible Story Linked To

The Cartoon: Was Judas and the soldiers he

brought being friends of Jesus? In our

cartoon, Montana had to rent his friends.

Can you see why? This should be a clue

that there is something wrong here.

Eventually even his money couldn't stop

Montana from being lonely. Without a

friend to talk to, all of us would be

downright lonely. Money does not buy friendship. Some people may think it does. Nothing can buy true friendship.

Judas agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Do you think Judas had many friends after his greed caused him to sell Jesus out to the soldiers? Now, do you think that being mean makes or keeps many friends? I bet Judas was real lonely at this time. Unfortunately Judas' story ends badly.

VII) Bible Study II: Read Matthew 27: 1-10 with the students.

VIII) Discussion Of This Passage Linked To

Cartoon: Judas hanged himself out of remorse. He perhaps felt like he did something unforgivable. He probably thought the other disciples would never forgive him, nor maybe even God. Do you see the correlation between Montana and Judas? Montana because he was mean became lonely, hurt, and friendless. Judas, because of his betrayal, very well perhaps lost all of his friends as well (except our Lord Jesus Christ) because of the lack of

fellowship it perhaps or even likely caused
(Based on general scriptures in the four
Gospels of the New Testament, Jesus'
disciples usually weren't very good at
receiving and putting into practice Jesus'
teachings because of discipline or faith
issues until they were more seasoned
disciples). Judas might not have even been
able to "Rent-A-Friend" if unforgiving
people knew what he had done.

IX) Discussion: What have you learned
from our story? Have you been mean or

nasty to someone? What was the person's
reaction when you did it?

Next time, we are going to look more into
what friendship is, not what it isn't.

X) Closing Prayer: