

Says Who?



- Aw, quit studying! Only nerds study!
 - Stop being so nice to everybody!
 - Why do you keep trying so hard? Have fun!
- Hey, why not skip class today and go to the mall? It'll be a blast!
 - Don't be her friend – she's not like us!

Says Who??

Are you following the crowd?
Doing what your "friends" tell you to do?



Where will those friends be years from now
if you don't have a decent job because
you didn't study and didn't finish school?

Will they pay your bills and feed you?

Will they take away your loneliness
because you stopped being nice to
people and have no real friends.

When school "chums" boss you around
and say **Do This**, or **Don't Do That**,
they may not really be your friends.

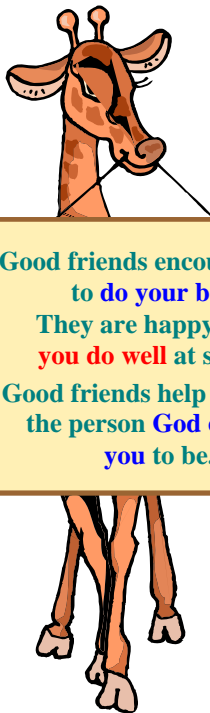
Good friends don't give bad advice.
And good friends don't drag you down.

Good friends know whom to follow:
the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

*The Bible says, "It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him."
– Deuteronomy 13:4*

So when a "buddy" gives you bad advice,
tell them **Jesus never told you to do that**.
And we know that Jesus is the smartest and **best friend** in the world.

Hey, you couldn't have said it better!



- Good friends encourage you to do your best.
- They are happy when you do well at school.
- Good friends help you to be the person God created you to be.