



# Chocolate & Friends

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Chocolate is one of those sweet things that appeal to most people. It's a good thing to base a party around.

If you serve chocolate, though, be sure to serve some high cocoa content as well as the very sweet, and maybe some salty or alternatives for those who choose not to indulge in chocolate.

## Chocolate & Friends Party Theme Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

### Theme Title Ideas

- Best Friends Forever
- Chocolate and Friends
- Circle of Friends
- Cozy up to Friendship
- Enjoy Life's Simple Pleasures
- Eternal Friends
- Friends & a Movie

- Friends & Chocolate Brighten Any Day
- Friendship & Chocolate - The Rich Things in Life
- Friends & Laughter (comedian guest or dvd/comedy movie)
- Friends Around the Table
- Friendship Comes in Chunks and Morsels
- Friendship Dipped in Love
- Friends for Life (on into eternity)
- Friends Gather Here
- Friendship is Sweet
- Friendship Warms the Heart
- Good Friends Share Chocolate!
- Hello Friend
- Hot Cocoa and Friends
- How Sweet!
- In The Cookie of Life, Friends Are the Chocolate Chips
- Keeping Our Friends Close
- Kindred Spirits and Chocolates Go Hand in Hand
- Let Them Eat Chocolate
- Love In Your Heart and Some Chocolate In Your Hand
- Pamper Me with Chocolate!
- S.O.S. - Need Chocolate and Friends!
- Sharing Laughter, Tears, and Chocolate
- Sweet Fellowship Satisfies
- Sweet Friendships
- Sweeter as the Days Go By
- Table of Friendship
- Taste And See

## **Spiritual & General Applications**

- Focus on sweet friendship, sweet fellowship, or the sweetness of the Lord.
- Focus on a spa night for ladies or a friendship brunch or luncheon.
- Focus on friends and family around good food.
- Focus on a Valentine's Day banquet.

## **Theme Verse Suggestions**

*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh*

*closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24*

*A friend loveth at all times... Proverbs  
17:17  
Faithful are the wounds of a  
friend... Proverbs 27:6*

*Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth  
the countenance of his friend. Proverbs  
27:17*

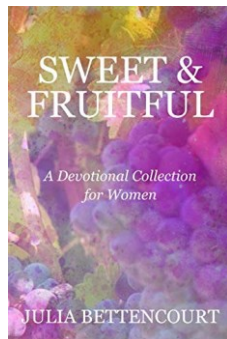
## Devotional Starter & Workshop Ideas

- My "Recipe for Friendship" can be found in the Sweet & Fruitful Devotional Collection, which can be purchased on Amazon here.

<https://www.amazon.com/Sweet-Fruitful-Devotional-Collection-Devotionals/dp/>

- All of my Valentine's devotionals can be found in the More Love Please Devotional Collection, which can be purchased on Amazon here.

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- Do a study on friendship in the Bible.
- Do a study on Jonathan and David's friendship in the Bible.
- All of my Valentine's devotionals can be found in the More Love Please Devotional Collection, which can be purchased on Amazon here.

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## Simple Decorating

- Make a relaxing atmosphere where everyone can feel comfortable and enjoy themselves.
- If you have a candy buffet, it can serve as decoration.
- Simple Décor: Tray filled with vase with candles, framed Bible verse on friendship in frame, flowers, various chocolate candy, etc.

## Chocolate Signs

- Friends & Chocolate  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/printables/friends-and-chocolate-sign.pdf>
- Proverbs 17:17  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/printables/proverbs-17-17-sign.pdf>
- Chocolate is my Blood Type  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/printables/chocolate-blood-type.pdf>

## Icebreakers

### Kiss Find

- Recommended for a small group.
- Hide Hershey's kisses around the room and see who can find the most before you start.
- Count them ahead of time, so you know how many your guests will be looking for.
- When everybody's finished, give a prize to the one who found the most.
- Make sure to have the ones who found more to--share!

### Count The Candies

- Fill a jar with M&M's or similar candy.

- Count them as you fill the jar. Have everyone guess the amount when they arrive.
- Give the jar as a prize to the guest who answers closest to the actual amount.

## Music

- *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* (Joseph M. Scriven)
- *Jesus What a Friend for Sinners* (John Wilbur Chapman)
- *The Lily of the Valley* (Charles W. Fry)

## Favor Ideas

- Candy bar with specialty wrapper with event details or theme verse
- Chocolate candies tied up in tulle or cellophane with hang tag of theme verse
- Chocolate specialty lollipop Oversize chocolate chip cookie
- Chocolate spoons (to stir into coffee)
- Hot chocolate package
- Large Hershey's chocolate Kiss
- Mini chocolate bar of any type
- Mugs filled with chocolate candy

## Door Prize Ideas

- Extra-large candy lar
- Large Hershey's Kiss
- Box of chocolates
- Hot cocoa/mug
- Chocolate related cookbook
- *I Love Lucy Chocolate Factory* Episode DVD
- Chocolate scented candles

- Chocolate scented soaps
- Gift certificate to a local bakery
- Box of chocolate chip cookie cereal (think there's a couple brands of this - tie up with a bow)
- Small fondue pot
- Chocolate Baking Basket: Fill with a couple kinds of chocolate chips, such as semi-sweet and milk chocolate, measuring cups, measuring spoons, etc.

## **Just for Fun**

### **Friendship Sharing Time**

- Have a testimony time.
- Have everyone give testimonies concerning a friend who's inspired them or that showed friendship in a special way.

### **Chocolate Invitations**

- Hand out invitations to your event with a chocolate candy bar using a specialty wrapper that gives the time, date, and details. You can easily make these on your computer.
- Cookie Invitation
  - Bake or purchase large size chocolate chip cookies and wrap in cellophane or place in a CD wrapper.
  - Make a sticker for the top of the cookie with your event time, date, and details.

### **Chocolate Award**

- Give awards to those who bring a friend with them to the event by way of a \$100,000 Grand Candy Bar.

## **Food & Serving**

- Candy buffet (use lots of chocolates mixed in)

- Chocolate buffet (various chocolate treats along with a chocolate fountain)
- Hot cocoa bar
- Chocolate snacks such as cakes, brownies, truffles, cake pops, etc.
- Be sure to have a few salty or healthy alternatives to all the sweet items.

### **Hot Cocoa/Chocolate Bar Signs**

- Hot Cocoa Bar Sign 1  
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- Hot Cocoa Bar Sign 2  
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- Hot Chocolate Bar Sign 1  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/printables/hot-chocolate-bar-sign-one.pdf>
- Hot Chocolate Bar Sign 2  
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