



Bible Story: We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) • **1 Samuel 20 (supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)**

Bottom Line: Friends love one another.

Memory Verse: A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

Life App: Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care

1. Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

What You Do: Read • **1 Samuel 20 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)**

What You Say:

"I love this story of two best friends! David was chosen as the next king, but Jonathan, King Saul's son, wasn't angry. He loved David, and even gave David his favorite things. And when King Saul became jealous and tried to kill David, Jonathan stepped up to protect him. Jonathan and David show us that **[Bottom Line] friends love one another.**

"The verses I read from 1 Corinthians 13 show us what love looks like. When **[Bottom Line] friends love one another**, they are patient and kind. They aren't jealous or braggy, and they don't easily get angry. That's how David and Jonathan treated each other, and we can, too!"

2. Jumbo Airplane

What You Need: paper, pencils, markers

What You Do:

- Pass out a sheet of paper to each kid.
 - Instruct each kid to draw a scene to draw from today's story.
 - When they finish, encourage the kids to take turns sharing with the group what they drew.
 - Then, challenge kids to fold the best jumbo airplane imaginable.
 - Once everyone has folded their planes, ask kids to pair up and decide who will pretend to be Jonathan and who will pretend to be David
 - Ask the Davids to stand 10-15 feet away from their Jonathans.
 - Then, the Jonathans will throw the airplanes toward their David to try and get it past him.
 - Switch roles and play again.
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- **Ask the kids to share ways they can show love to their friends. Make sure they include ideas from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.**

- **Suggestions include: forgiving each other, praying for them, sharing God’s love, sharing encouraging words, supporting them through difficult times, standing up for them, keeping promises, sharing time and toys, including them in things you do, not being jealous of them, being patient**

What You Say:

“That was a fun game! We got to practice some great friendship skills. You were patient and kind with one another, just like Jonathan was toward his friend, David. Jonathan realized that David needed help. Jonathan could have held onto his power or wealth, and he could have even fought to be king. But instead, Jonathan chose to be kind and compassionate toward David. Think about some things that you can do to help your friends. Friends help each other because **[Bottom Line] friends love one another.**”

3. Discussion Questions

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask:

- How did Jonathan feel about David being the next king? Was he jealous? (*Jonathan was David’s best friend. He wasn’t jealous of David. He protected David.*)
- What about David? Did he brag about being the next king or make Jonathan feel bad about it? (*No, David didn’t brag. He was Jonathan’s friend.*)
- Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them. How did it make you feel?
- Can you think of a time you showed a friend they were important to you? What did you do to show them?
- How do you show your close friends that you love them? How is that different from showing love to friends who are good friends but not your best friends?

What You Say:

“Love is an action. When we choose to encourage, share, support, forgive, and keep our promises, it brings us closer as friends. Loving a friend means you DO something for that friend. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time you and a friend became closer by one of you doing something for the other. Maybe a friend helped you move, or you took care of a friend’s dog when they were out of town.) [Bottom Line] Friends love one another.**

4. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal

What You Need: Prayer journal, paper, something to write with, Bible

What You Do:

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
 - The Bible teaches us that the “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (**James 5:16b**). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

“A powerful way to show love to your friends is to regularly ask God to help you be a good friend to them. Be sure to pray this week for opportunities to show love to your friends.. **[Bottom Line] Friends love one another.**