



WEEK  
**TWO**  
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP

**K-1**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



*Take a few moments to pray for your children. Ask God to help guide today's conversations and activities as kids learn and talk about what it means to be a loving friend. Pray that kids would leave today with ideas and opportunities for big and small ways they can show love to their friends.*

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### We're Going to Be Friends

David and Jonathan  
1 Samuel 20  
(supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Friends love one another.**

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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adversity.  
Proverbs 17:17

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Friendship—Using your words and  
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## BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.**

## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** a die

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Explain that the group is going to play a game to help them get to know their family!
- Instruct the kids to take turns rolling the die and answering a corresponding

numbered question from the list below.

- If they roll a number and both questions have been asked, let them roll again.
- Continue until every kid has had a chance to roll and answer a question.
- Questions are as follows:
  - Rolled #1
    - What's your favorite TV show?
    - Which do you like better, summer or winter and why?
  - Rolled #2
    - What's your favorite ice cream flavor?
    - Which do you like better, recess or lunch?
  - Rolled #3
    - Do you have a pet? (If not, what pet would you like if you had one?)
    - What is your favorite food to eat for breakfast?
  - Rolled #4
    - What is your favorite thing about school?
    - Tell us one thing about your family.
  - Rolled #5
    - Tell us one thing about your family.
    - If you had 15 extra minutes to do anything, what would you do?
  - Rolled #6
    - What is your favorite game to play (outside or inside)?
    - What is your favorite thing to do after school?



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## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



## 1. HIDDEN PICTURES

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "David and Jonathan Story Pictures" Activity Pages

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Print out the pictures and hide them all around the house.
- Once the pictures are hidden, instruct kids to open their eyes.
- When you say, "Go!" teams will race to find all eight pictures and put them in order according to the numbers on the page.
- Once the pictures are found, let the kids work together to put them in the correct order, according to the story.
- Hold up each picture as you use the text below to review the story:
  - Picture #1: King Saul was in charge, and his son's name was Jonathan.
  - Picture #2: God chose David as the next king.
  - Picture #3: Though David was chosen as king instead of Jonathan, the

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boys were still best friends.

- Picture #4: Jonathan gave David his best things—his robe, belt, sword, and bow.
- Picture #5: King Saul became so jealous that he tried to kill David.
- Picture #6: Jonathan was worried for his friend. He had a secret plan to warn David.
- Picture #7: When they realized David was in trouble, the two friends had to say goodbye.
- Picture #8: Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a and read it aloud.
- 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.*)



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## (1. HIDDEN PICTURES . . ., CONTINUED)

- What does it mean to be patient and kind with your friends? *(You let them choose what game you play. You don't do something mean out of anger when they do something that frustrates you.)*

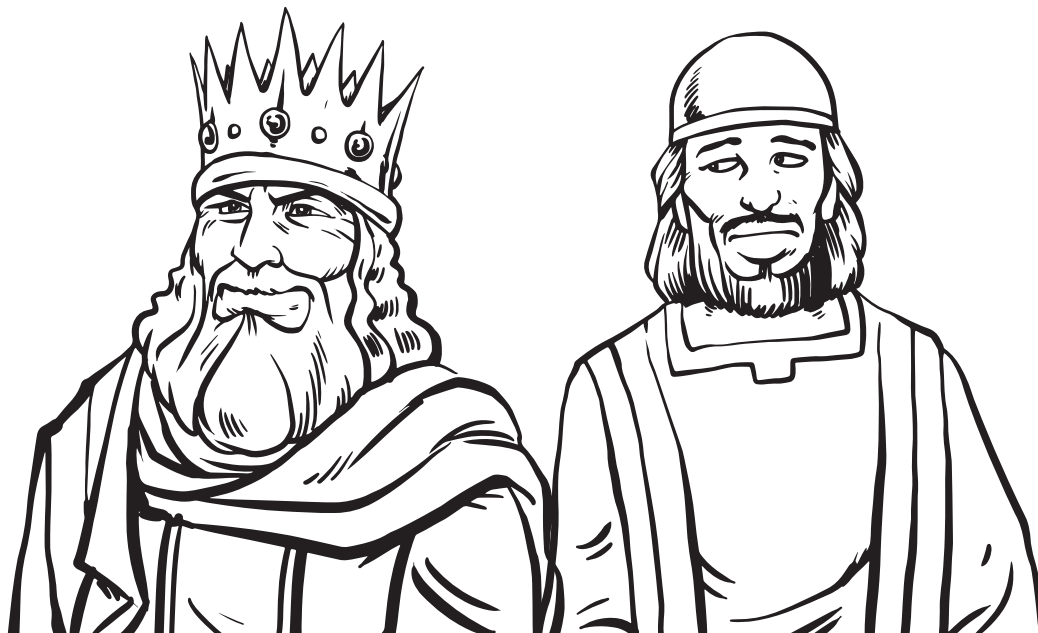
### WHAT YOU SAY:

"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 **friends love one another**.

"The verses I read from 1 Corinthians 13 show us what love looks like. When **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!"

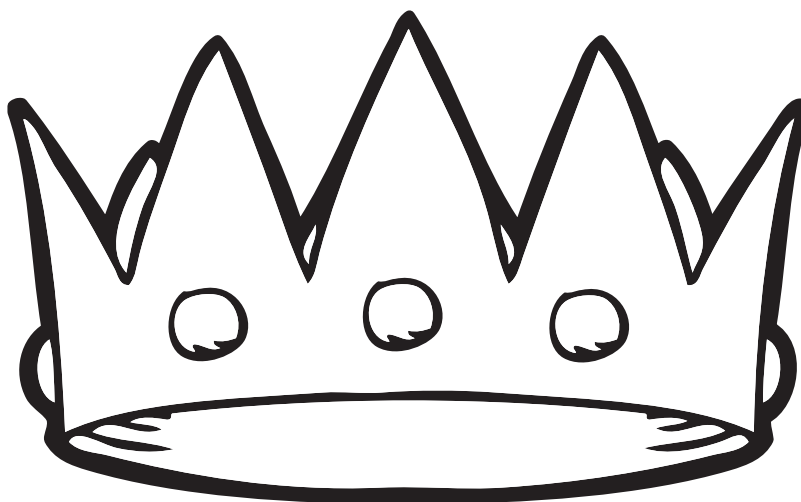
**[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about your best friend. How does he or she have the qualities we read about in 1 Corinthians 13? Give a specific example of a time when that friend showed kindness or patience or chose to put you first.)**

1



King Saul and his son, Jonathan

2



God chose David as the next king.

**What to Do:**

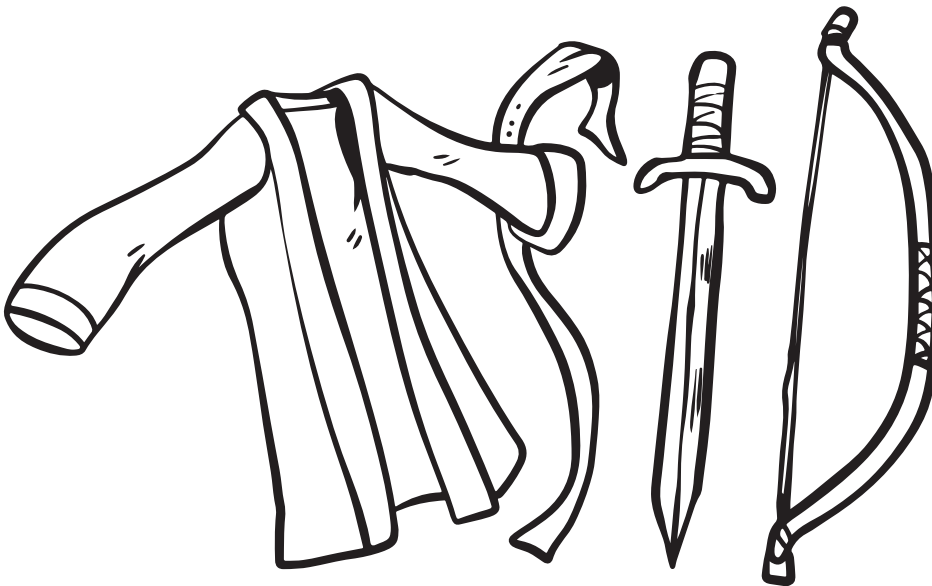
Print two sets of pictures on different colored paper for each small group.  
Cut the pictures apart.

3



Jonathan and David are best friends.

4



Jonathan gives David  
his belt, robe, sword, and bow.

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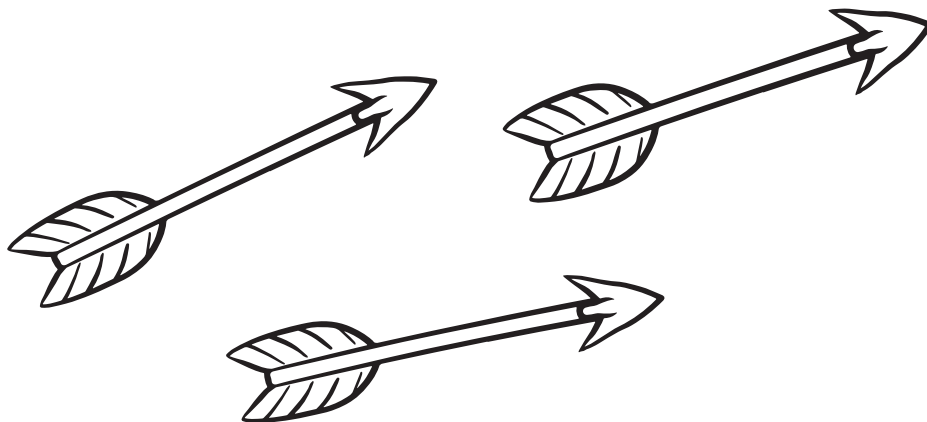
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King Saul is jealous.

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Jonathan makes a plan to warn David.

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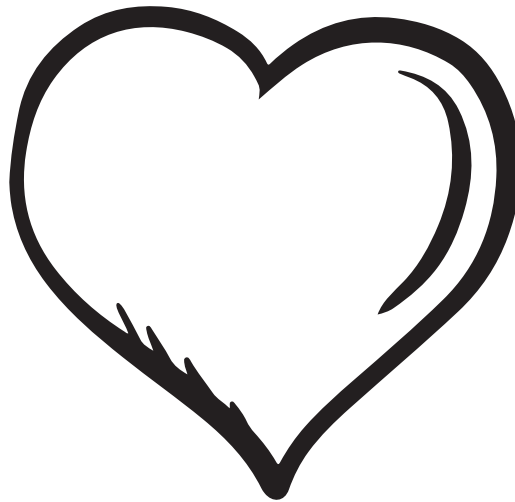
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David and Jonathan say goodbye.

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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**"David and Jonathan Story Pictures" Activity Page 4/4**

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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen  
in the brain and taps into the energy  
in the body



### 3. A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Colored paper and markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Write the words of the verse on the pieces of paper, broken down as follows for NIV:
  - A /friend/ loves/ at / all/ times/ and a/ brother/ is born/ for/ a time of/ adversity./ Proverbs 17:17
- Lay the pages on the floor of your group's area like the numbers of a clock, starting with the first page as one o'clock.
- Select one kid to stand in the center of the pages and hold out his arm like one arm of the clock.
- Encourage the kid in the center to start with one o'clock (A) and point to each word of the verse as they "click" around the clock face. The kids say the words of the verse together.
- Repeat with each kid in the center.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"These pages sort of look like a clock face! Why? Because a friend loves at ALL times. Does a friend love at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday when they just woke up? (Pause.) Does a friend love at 1:00 p.m. when they don't get their way? (Pause.) Yes! Because **friends love one another** at all times! I'm so thankful for examples of good friends like David and Jonathan. And of course, the best friend of all is JESUS! He loves us when we mess up, when we're happy, when we're frustrated, and even when we say something unkind. Because Jesus loves us at all times, we can love others, too!"





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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** nothing

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage the kids to think of friend to do something special for this week. Once they have picked that friend, have them spend a

moment praying that God would help them show love to that friend this week.

- Remind the kids to follow through, to show love, and to give their friend something special.
- Close the group in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that friends love at all times! Thank You for sending Jesus, the best friend ever. Help us be kind and patient and put others first because **friends love one another**. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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