CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT



### SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020 | WEEK 2

**Today's Bible Story:** We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 20

**Today's Key Question:** How can you show your friends they're important?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Friends love one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: A friend loves at all times. They are there to help

when trouble comes. Proverbs 17:17 (NIrV)

**Monthly Life App:** Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others

you care

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

# **STARTER ACTIVITY**

#### Find Someone Who

What You Need: Find Someone Who PDF & pencils

#### What You Do:

- Give each kid a copy of the activity page and challenge them to find one person for each characteristic listed on the page.
- Instruct kids to write each person's name in the box corresponding with their characteristic.
- Tell kids not to repeat any names until they have written each small group member's name in one box. (Once each person has been identified with a characteristic, then kids can start repeating names so they get all the boxes filled in.)

### What You Say:

"The more we all get to know each other, the better friends we can be for each other. Let's go hear about an awesome example of friendship."

## **BIBLE STORY**

<u>Before Video:</u> I love getting to hang out with all of you fun people. All month, we're celebrating something that's important for all of us—and by the way, God thinks it's super-important, too. It's friendship!

#### "Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care."

We're continuing to talk about friendship by looking at two of the best friends in all of the Bible. Some pretty wild things happened to these two guys. Let's see if they were able to STAY friends through all those ups and downs.

"We start our story in the book of 1 Samuel. (Hold up Bible.) We see that God had given His people, the Israelites, a bunch of different judges and prophets to be their leaders. These judges and prophets listened to God and shared His words with the people. Let's go watch our video to learn more."

#### **PLAY VIDEO**

"It's pretty amazing when you think about how Jonathan and David stayed friends—even with everything that was going on around them. EVERYONE expected Jonathan to be the next king over Israel. But God chose David instead! I mean, put yourself in Jonathan's shoes. Imagine that you could be one of the most powerful people in the world . . . then some random person comes up and takes that away from you. Jonathan could have been mad and refused to be friends with David—but he chose friendship instead. Instead of getting angry, he shared his things with David. Instead of turning against David when his father was angry, Jonathan kept David safe. Jonathan was a good friend to David. And David kept his promise. He showed kindness to Jonathan's family throughout his life. That's what friendship looks like. Really, that's what LOVE looks like. It's about loving our friends the way God loves us.

#### [Bottom Line] "Friends love one another.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us show love to our friends."

<u>Prayer:</u> "God, it's so cool to see how David and Jonathan stuck together—even in some pretty crazy situations. Please, help us have strong friendships like they did. Help us be willing to share with each other and defend each other when times get tough. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus for us. Help us share Your love with our friends every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

# **FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION**

### **Discussion Questions**

- Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them. How did it make you feel? [Make it Personal] Share a story of your own!
- 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?

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KNOWS HOW TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT	WAS NOT BORN IN THIS STATE	HAS BEEN TO DISNEY WORLD
LIKES TO PLAY BASKETBALL	FREE SPACE	FAVORITE COLOR IS PURPLE
HAS MORE THAN ONE PET	IS WEARING THE SAME COLOR AS YOU	IS THE OLDEST KID IN THEIR FAMILY
LIKES PEPPERONI PIZZA	DOESN'T LIKE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES	IS ALLERGIC TO SOMETHING

DIRECTIONS: FOR EACH BOX, FIND A PERSON WHO FITS THE DESCRIPTION. WRITE THEIR NAME INSIDE THE BOX.