

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

# KIDSVIEW

**SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020 | WEEK 2**

**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:** 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

### Friends

**What You Need:** A die

**What You Do:**

- Explain that the group is going to play a game to help them get to know each other!
- 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?

### **What You Say:**

“Great job, friends! All month long, we’re learning about friends. In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about two good friends. Pay close attention to see if you can remember their names.”

## **BIBLE STORY**

Before Video: 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.”

Prayer: “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 ACTIVITY**

### **A Friend Loves at ALL Times**

**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./ They/ are/ there/ to help/ when/ trouble/ comes./ 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.

**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 **[Bottom Line] 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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