



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 40

David, Jonathan, and Saul

Lesson Aim: To build deeper friendships that honor God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most amazing thing a friend has done for you?

GAME: Friendly Chain Match

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Read Worship Scripture: Proverbs 22:11

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD DAVID, JONATHAN, AND SAUL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God prepared David to defeat the Philistine giant, Goliath.

Today, we will learn God gave David a true friend in King Saul's son, Jonathan. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 18:1-9; 19:1-5; 20:13-24, 30-34, 41-42. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: 1 Samuel 20:42. Pray. Read.

READERS' THEATRE: Instead of reading our Bible passage, let's act it out. Distribute Readers' Theatre scripts, assign roles, and hand out props. Read and act out 1 Samuel 18:1-9; 19:1-5; 20:13-24, 30-34, 41-42.

THE WAY TRUE FRIENDS

How does the Bible describe Jonathan's love for David? (He "loved David as himself.") **Do you have a friend you love as much as you love yourself? What did Jonathan give David?** (His royal robe and weapons.) **How did they promise to treat each other's families?** (To always show kindness to each other's families, including their children and grandchildren.)

King Saul disobeyed God, so God's Spirit left Saul and came upon David in power. King Saul was angry and jealous that David was a more famous warrior. How did Jonathan show he was David's true

friend when his father, jealous King Saul, tried to hurt David? (Jonathan spoke up to his father. He defended David and asked King Saul not to harm him.) **How have you shown you are a true friend to someone? David and Jonathan made choices that honored God. How do your friendships honor God?**

We can choose to be angry and jealous, as King Saul did, or we can choose to be a true friend like Jonathan. The God who knows our hearts knows when we are jealous. If you are feeling jealous, ask God to help you be a true friend. When a jealous thought comes to mind, replace it with a prayer. How can you pray when you are feeling jealous? (Ask for forgiveness. Ask God to bless your friend, etc.)

What do true friends do to show their faithfulness and love? Discuss specific examples of keeping promises, showing kindness to their friend's family, protecting, encouraging, etc. **Jonathan spoke up and defended David when King Saul wanted to hurt him. Let's talk about different ways to defend a friend if you hear hurtful plans being made.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Saul disobeyed God and God's Spirit left him. One thousand years later, Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for all who have disobeyed God. God has promised that His Spirit will never leave those who believe in Jesus. Jesus gave His life for you because He is your true friend. Let's read more about that truth in the Bible. Reveal John 15:13-15. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What does Jesus call those who do what He commands? (His friends.) **How has Jesus been your best friend? How can you be a true friend to Jesus?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask me about Jonathan" sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #40
- OFFERING OF ART: Jonathan shooting arrows and David behind a rock
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: God's Table

GAME: Thumbs Up!, Friendly Four Corners

CRAFT: Bow and Arrow Friends

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Shepherd Psalm Shuffle, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW