



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 40

David and Jonathan

Lesson Aim: To know God sends us friends.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "A friend loves at all times."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—that means it's time to praise God as the King who knows our hearts. By giving our offering, we show God our hearts want to praise Him and give to His church. Play: "Let Everything That Has Breath" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

God knows our hearts need the love of good friends. He gives us friends who will love us at all times. That is today's Whisper Verse, "A friend loves at all times." Let's whisper it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "A friend loves at all times." Include sign language. **We can love our friends because God first loved us.** Sing: "We Love."

God gave David a good friend. His name was Jonathan. Have you ever had a good friend? (Children respond.) **God gives us good friends when we need them! We can trust God to do that, just as David trusted Him. Let's sing the words David sang.** Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" and "My God Is So Big."

Do you know a lamb and a donkey who are best friends? (Delbert and Lello!) **Let's see if Delbert and Lello know anything about the story of David and Jonathan. Let's call them both to come out for a visit.**

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Let's sing to thank God for giving us the best friend of all: Jesus. Jesus loves us at all times! Sing: "Jesus Loves Me."

THE WORD DAVID AND JONATHAN CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned how God helped David win the battle against the giant. Today, we will hear how God gave David and Jonathan to each other as friends. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to 1 Samuel 20:17.

WATCH THE WORD: 1 SAMUEL 18:1-4; 20:17, 42

Read poem. Display visual.

- **A friend loves at all times.**
- **Jonathan and David were friends.**
- **Jonathan and David made a promise**
- **To be best friends to the end.**
- **Jonathan gave David his robe and belt.**
- **He gave David his bow and sword.**
- **They promised to show to each other's families,**
- **The kindness of the Lord.**

Who was Jonathan's friend? (David.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read 1 Samuel 20:17 from the teacher's Bible. **Jonathan loved David just as much as he loved himself!**

Who loves you at all times? (A friend.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "A friend loves at all times."** Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY GOD GIVES US FRIENDS

CRAFT: Friendship Heart

GAMES: Jonathan's Arrows, Heart Match

SNACK: Friendship Hearts

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:17, 42

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Trust in God!, "Trust in God" Cheer
STORY TIME