



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther  
Unit 8, Lesson 40

## David, Jonathan, and Saul

Lesson Aim: To know God gives us true friends.

### **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. 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 FOREVER**

The Bible says Jonathan loved David as himself. Do you have a friend you love as much as you love yourself? What did Jonathan give to 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 future children and grandchildren.)

King Saul was angry and jealous that David was a more famous warrior. Jonathan spoke up and defended the truth about David when his father, King Saul, wanted to hurt David. Jonathan was a true friend to David.

God gives each of us a true friend. That friend may be someone our own age, a brother, a sister, a cousin, a parent, or a grandparent. Think of the name of a true friend God has given you. Let's take seven seconds of silence to thank God for giving us true friends. Children pray silently for seven seconds.

True friends keep their promises, warn each other about danger, defend each other, and show kindness to each other and their families. How can you be a better friend this week?

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

God gives us true friends. Our best true friend is 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. Read.

How did Jesus prove He loved us more than He loved Himself? (He laid down His life, dying on the cross to save us from the punishment of our sins.) Why do you think He did that for us? (He loves us more than He loves Himself.) What can you do to show your love to Jesus?

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask me about Jonathan" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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:** My Heart Knows Psalm 23, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**