



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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?** (He 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?**

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.

**What do true friends do to show their faithfulness and love for each other?** Discuss specific examples of keeping promises, caring for, 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.

**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.) **How can you 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:** Shepherd Psalm Shuffle, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**