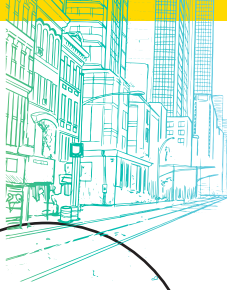


Block Party: Everyone's Invited



First, watch
this week's
video!

Friendship:
using your
words and
actions to
show others
you care.

Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Bible Story

David and Jonathan
(1 Samuel 20)

Key Question

How can you show your friends they're important?

Use this guide with your family to learn how God can help us be better friends.

Activity

Let's Talk

What You Need

Sheet of paper, something to write with, scissors

What You Do

Write down the following statements on a sheet of paper. Ask your child to help too! (Or you could print this page instead.)

- King Saul had a son named Jonathan.
- Jonathan's best friend, David, was chosen by God to be the next king.
- Jonathan gave David his belt, robe, sword, and bow as a gift.
- King Saul was very jealous of David and planned to attack him.
- Jonathan warned David that his father planned to attack him. Jonathan shot arrows into the field where David was hiding.
- David understood his friend's message and knew he had to leave—or else he'd be hurt by King Saul.
- David and Jonathan said goodbye to one another.

Cut each statement into a strip of paper. Mix them up.

Prompt your child to put the story in order. When you're finished, talk through David and Jonathan's story. Ask, "What was your favorite part? Why?"

Talk about the Bible Story

Why was King Saul jealous of David? (Because David was super-popular and had won a lot of battles.)

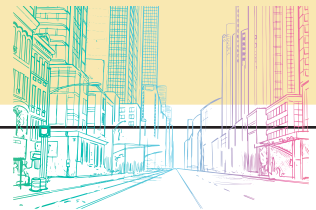
How was Jonathan a good friend to David? (He honored David by giving him royal gifts; he created a plan to tell David that his father wanted to hurt him; he saved David's life)

Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them. How did it make you feel?

Can you think of a time when you showed a friend that they were important to you? What did you do?

How do you show your close friends that you love them? How is that different from showing love to friends who are good friends, but not your best friends?

Say, "Jonathan helped David because they were friends. And real friends love one another."



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for being our Friend forever. Thank You for loving us no matter what. Help us to be a friend like Jonathan. Help us to be loyal, honest, and good to the people You have put in our lives. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."