

## 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Activities—September 13, 2020- Week 2

**Today's Bible Story:** We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 20  
(supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

**Today's Bottom Line:** Friends love one another.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.*  
Proverbs 17:17 (NirV)

**Monthly Life App:** Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

### 1. Questions for friends

**What You Need:** ball to pass

**What You Do:**

- One way we get to know other people is asking them questions. Today, we'll be answering questions about what we'd rather do.
- Instruct the kids to toss the ball to each other, including you and ask one of the following questions to whomever catches the ball.
- When the question has been answered, the kid holding the ball tosses it to someone else.
- Questions:
  - Would you rather eat candy or doughnuts?
  - Would you rather be the funniest person or the smartest person alive?
  - Would you rather never have to clip your toenails or never have to cut your hair?
  - Would you rather fly or be invisible?
  - Would you rather be the worst player on a winning team or the best player on a losing team?
  - Would you rather eat a raw potato or a whole lime?
  - Would you rather live without TV or without food?
  - Would you rather have five brothers or five sisters?

**What You Say:**

"It was fun watching you throw the ball to each other and hearing your answers to the questions. Friends get to know each other, whether its silly like these questions or serious. Jonathan and David had a great friendship and part of a great friendship is getting to know other people and their preferences or likes and dislikes.

### 2. Discussion Questions

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them. How did it make you feel? **[Make it Personal] Share a story of your own!**
- Can you think of a time you showed a friend they were important to you? What did you do to show them?
- 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?

### 3. Verses to Take with You

**What You Need:** Bibles, paper, writing utensil

**What You Do:**

- Draw vertical lines down the page to divide the paper into three columns and label them:
  - Column 1: Good friend
  - Column 2: Bad friend
  - Column 3: Why
- Look up the following verses and read them aloud with the kids.
- Prompt kids to decide which column the people from the verses should go in and why, after each passage is read.
- Ask someone to fill in that chart for the group as you go or fill it in yourself.
  - Matthew 26:14-16 and Luke 22:47-48
  - 2 Samuel 15:12 and 31 (POINT OUT that Absalom was supposed to be David's counselor but that he was conspiring with his enemy)
  - 1 Samuel 20:12-15
  - Ruth 1:16-17
  - Philippians 2:19-24
  - Luke 1:39-45
  - Exodus 4:10-16
- **Talk** about how/when each person in the "good friend" column showed someone they were important. Who did they show? How did they show them?

### 4. The Friend Code

**What You Need:** No Supplies Needed

**What You Do:**

- Challenge your child(ren) to make up a secret code like David and Jonathan did with the arrows in our Bible story.
- Come up with a YES and NO response, as well as one for NOT SURE.
- Some ideas: Stomp their feet three times for YES. Pat their stomachs for NO. Clap a rhythm for NOT SURE. Encourage them to get as creative as your space allows.
- When they have finalized their codes, ask them questions below.

**Questions (More on next page)**

Was David born a king? (No)

Was David Saul's son? (No)

Was Saul Jonathan's dad? (Yes)

Was Jonathan good at taking care of sheep? (No or not sure)

Did David become king of Israel right away? (No)

Was Jonathan a prince? (Yes)

Did Jonathan give David presents? (Yes)

Did David promise to be kind to Jonathan's family? (Yes)

Did the two friends always live in the same place their whole lives? (No or not sure)

Did David and Jonathan spend time together? (Yes)  
Did David and Jonathan make a plan to keep David safe from Saul? (Yes)  
Did Jonathan give David a Nintendo Switch? (No)  
Did Jonathan give David gifts fit for prince? (Yes)  
Did David promise Jonathan a million dollars? (No)  
Did David and Jonathan stay friends even when things got tough? (Yes)

### What You Say:

“David and Jonathan didn’t have a lot in common to start out with, and they came from very different backgrounds as a prince and a shepherd. What do you think this shows us about friendship? (*You can be friends with people who are different. You might have more in common with someone than you thought at first. Friends show up in unlikely places.*)

“The most important part of friendship is how we treat each other and how we care for each other. David and Jonathan showed they cared for each other all the time. How do we know that David and Jonathan were good friends to each other? (*Jonathan gave David gifts. They stuck together when King Saul was angry. David was kind to Jonathan’s family.*)

“It’s great that even thousands of years later, we can read about their friendship in the Bible and discover that no matter what, **[Bottom Line] friends love one another.** They take care of each other, they help each other, and they just enjoy spending time together.

“Have your friends ever treated you like David and Jonathan treated each other? Have you ever gotten a present from a friend when it wasn’t your birthday, or had a friend do something kind for your family, or made up secret codes with a friend? (*Invite kids to share how their friendships show love.*) How have you shown your friends that **[Bottom Line] friends love one another?**” (*Invite responses, i.e. been kind to a friend’s little sibling or polite to their grandma. Given a friend a small gift.*)

## 5. Pray

What you say: “Even though it could have been easy for Jonathan to be angry with David and jealous, that’s not how he acted. He was a great friend, and David was a great friend to him as well. Let’s pray that all of us can be thinking of how we can show friendship to others even when it might be hard.”

“God, thank you that you made us to have friends and to work together with others. Help us to remember to be kind to other people and to be willing to make new friends so we can show even more people your love. Thank you for the friends that we have. Help us to be wise about how we treat them and how we show your kindness to them. In your name we pray, Amen.

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

DAY 1

## Read Proverbs 17:17

Are you learning about verbs at school? Verbs are action words. So, here's a little exercise. Circle the action words in the sentences below.

- Sam runs around his town for exercise.
- Destiny loves to dance.
- Celia helps her mom with dinner.

Did you underline runs, dance, and helps? Great job—you found all the verbs. Now take a look at the first sentence from your verse today. What is the action word? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, a friend loves. The verb or action is love. Friends choose to love. When the friend is sad, when the friend is quiet, when the friend is talking a lot and when the friend wants to play a game you really dislike. Friends love. It's what friends do. You can show love as you play, as you listen, as you dance, and as you get a job done.

What are some ways you can show love to your friends this week? Write down three specific ideas in the space below.

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Ask God to help you follow through to show love to your friends in the specific ways you've written down. And also, spend some time thanking God for loving you, always.

DAY 2

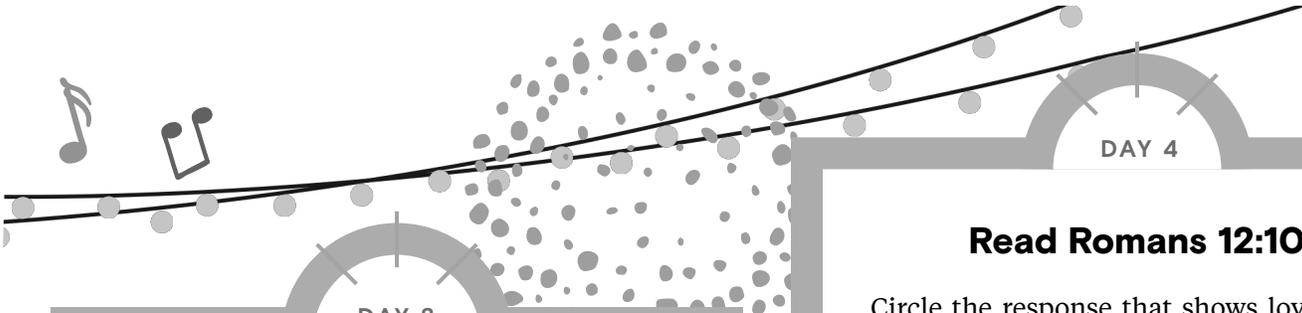
## Read 1 Peter 4:8

Do you know what the word “deeply” means? To love one another deeply simply means to do so with purpose. So, another cool way to say it is that friends should love one another on purpose. Why? Because love erases wrongs. We all mess up sometimes. But when we choose to love others on purpose, it helps us to forgive and move on.

Find a dry erase board and marker or ask an adult if you can write on a mirror with a washable marker. Write out the words of today's verse and read it aloud. Then, erase one word and repeat the verse again, including the missing word. Continue in the same way, erasing one word at a time and repeating the verse until you can recite it from memory.

**Thank God for loving you on purpose** and for erasing all your sins or mess ups. Ask Him to help you be a good friend by loving others around you too.

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DAY 3

### Read 1 John 4:7

How can you show your friends that you love and follow God?

The answer is simple: friends love one another. Why? Because love comes from God. In fact, God IS love. You cannot separate God from love. The biggest way you can show others that you love God is to love the people around you too!

Grab a sheet of paper and some coloring supplies. Write this week's bottom line on the page, "**Friends love one another.**" Hang this somewhere you'll see it all week.

**Look for ways to show love to your friends.**

DAY 4

### Read Romans 12:10

Circle the response that shows love in the scenarios below:

**Your friend** is sad but you don't know why.

- You ignore it and keep playing.
- You ask what's wrong and then listen when she's ready to talk.
- You tell your friend to stop acting so quiet and weird.

**Your friend** throws the ball and it goes down in the gutter. You say,

- "It's okay. It was an accident."
- "Way to go. Now we can't play anymore!"
- "I can't believe you did that!"

**Your friend** misses catching the ball and your kickball team loses at recess.

- You yell at your friend in front of everyone.
- You refuse to speak to that friend for the rest of recess.
- You say, "It's okay" and remind him that you missed a big shot earlier in the game.

It's easy to spot the "right" answers in these scenarios. But in real life, it can be really hard to love and honor others more than yourself. The good news is that God will help you be a good friend, the kind of friend who loves even when it's hard.

Thank God for loving you and for showing you how to love others too. Ask Him to help you honor others more than yourself this week, when it's easy and when it's hard.



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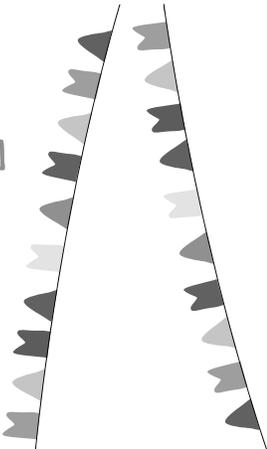
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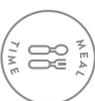
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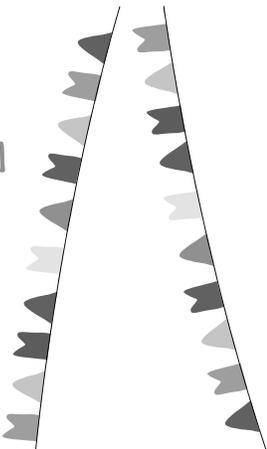
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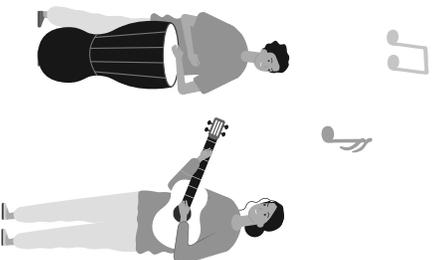
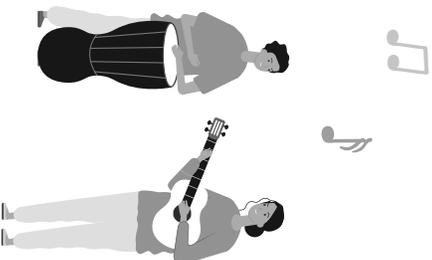
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