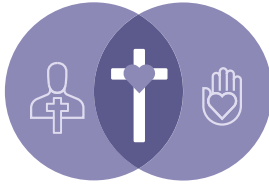


THE FAITH-FULL FRIENDS

LESSON 11

1 Samuel 18:1–9; 20:18–42

GOD GIVES US FAITHFUL FRIENDS.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

Jesus, my great Friend, gave His life to guarantee my eternal life with Him.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can serve God and others by being a faithful friend as I share God's Word with them.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can consider how the narrative reveals an example of godly friendship and connect that friendship to God's love for me in Christ.

YOUTH

I can relate David and Jonathan's godly friendship to the love God gives me to share with others.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that God gives us faithful friends.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God gives me friends.

BIBLE VERSE

A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that “the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David” (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul's insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Sadly, Saul's anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God's will, warns David to flee from the king.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—How did Jonathan show that he was not jealous that God had chosen David to be king?
- ▶ *At Mealtime*—What sinful things did King Saul do? What good things did David and Jonathan do for each other? How is God at work in this story?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Make a list of characteristics that show someone is a good friend (honesty, loyalty, sense of humor). Circle the qualities that David and Jonathan showed toward each other. Place a cross over the ones that Jesus shows you.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Jesus is our friend and grants us loving friendships. Have each family member name a good friend God has given him or her. Pray together, thanking God for the gift of these wonderful friends.

