



4. Bible Study

10 minutes

David and Jonathan Are Friends: 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Ask the boys to think about what they like to do with friends.

Set Up: Divide the class into small groups of about three boys. Have each group invent a skit depicting how friends show their love for one another. For example, one group may act out a scene in which they give each other gifts. Another group may act like they are playing a game together. You can make suggestions, or let them come up with their own ideas.

Commander Says: Saul was a king, and Jonathan was Saul's son. That made him a prince. David, you remember, was the young man who killed Goliath. He had tended sheep for his father before that. After David went out to fight Goliath, he and Prince Jonathan became best friends. Jonathan and David really liked each other and were willing to do anything to help each other. They had a strong love; they "clicked." There was a bond between them. They promised to always be friends.

Ask: "What are some things friends can do to show each other they care?" (*Spend time together, give each other gifts, help each other, etc.*)

Jonathan wanted David to know how much he cared about him, so Jonathan gave David some gifts. Jonathan didn't care that David was only a shepherd boy; he took off his prince's robe and gave it to David. He also gave David his armor, sword, bow, and belt. He cared for David like a close brother.

Have any of your friends ever given you a gift? How did it make you feel? (*Allow responses.*)

Review: Ask: "What was special about Jonathan?" (*He was a king's son, a prince.*) "What was David?" (*A shepherd.*) "What kind of friends were they?" (*Best friends; they loved each other.*) "What is a friend?" (*Someone we like spending time with.*) "Why should we be good friends?" (*Everyone needs friends.*) "Why do people need good loyal friends?" (*So we don't feel lonely or bored, to have someone to talk and play with, so we can help each other.*)

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Loyal J. B.

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