

UNIT 3
SESSION 2
Bonus Teaching
Hour for
3s-Pre-K

JONATHAN HELPED DAVID



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Encourage the children to find a partner and walk together. Lead the group around the room before arriving in the group-time area. Comment that David and Jonathan were friends who helped each other.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

JONATHAN HELPED DAVID—BASED ON 1 SAMUEL 14:49; 18:1-4; 20

- » Comment that in today's Bible story from the Old Testament, two friends promised always to be friends no matter what. Suggest the children listen for what made their friendship special.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » David lived in King Saul's palace with King Saul and his son, Jonathan.
- » David and Jonathan promised always to be friends.
- » Jonathan gave David special gifts: a robe, a belt, a sword, and a bow for shooting arrows.
- » King Saul became angry with David and wanted to hurt him.
- » Jonathan found out that his father wanted to hurt David and helped David know he would have to leave to be safe.
- » The friends said goodbye and promised to stay friends.
- » David left and Jonathan went home.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Who lived in the palace?
- » What gifts did Jonathan give David?
- » Did David stay after he found out King Saul wanted to hurt him?
- » Did Jonathan and David stay friends?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Tell that people can love their friends.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God helps all people.

LIFE POINT

People can love their friends.

UNIT VERSE

Love your neighbors.
Leviticus 19:18

WEEKLY VERSE

A friend loves at all times.
Proverbs 17:17

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “God Is So Good”:

*God helps all people.
God helps all people.
God helps all people,
We can help our friends.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Write the Weekly Verse on a large piece of paper. Open the Bible and read the verse to the children. Point to the words on the paper and read them slowly. Invite the children to repeat the words after you. Ask the boys and girls to take turns pointing to the words as you repeat the verse together.

PRAY

Pray, thanking God for helping us. Invite interested preschoolers to pray aloud, thanking God for loving us. Ask God to help us show love to others.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: People can love their friends.

1. Draw and write messages to friends.

Encourage the children to draw pictures of their friends. Comment that Jonathan loved his friend David and gave him gifts. Remind the preschoolers that Jonathan helped David when he needed it. Ask the children to name ways they can show love and help their friends. Write their comments on their papers. Say: “A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17.”

2. Hop the verses.

Write each word of the Weekly Verse and the Unit Verse on separate pieces of paper. Create two hopscotch patterns on the floor with painter’s tape. Place the words from the Weekly Verse in one and the words from the Unit Verse in the other. Demonstrate how to hop through the verses. State each word as you hop in each section of the hopscotch court. Suggest the children say the words in different types of voices. Continue playing. Repeat the verses together as a group when play is done.

3. Pass the emotion.

Gather the children into a circle. Tell the preschoolers they will play a game where they copy how their friends feel. Demonstrate different facial expressions (happy, sad, angry, love) to the children. Explain that the different expressions will be passed

around the circle. Start by smiling at the child next to you. Guide that child to smile at the child next to him. Continue around the circle. Start another expression around the circle. Play several rounds. Offer to let interested preschoolers take turns starting another round of the game by demonstrating a different expression of an emotion. Remind the children that people can love their friends.

4. Decorate a Heart.

Cut out a heart shape for each child. Assist children in decorating their hearts with squares of scrapbook paper or other decorative paper. Offer to write “A friend loves at all times” across each heart using a dark marker after the paper hearts are decorated. Invite preschoolers to take turns saying the Weekly Verse. Guide them to name ways they can show love or be kind to a friend.

CLEAN UP

Invite children to clean up their activities. Give each child a task to do. Thank the children for their work.

DECORATE A FRIENDSHIP BANNER

Write “A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17” in large letters on a piece of butcher paper. Encourage the children to draw pictures to decorate the banner. Trace each child’s hand and write their names beside their hand outlines. Hang the banner in the room. Remind the children that people can love their friends.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.

