



# DAVID & JONATHAN

**BABY/ TODDLER LESSON**

**1 SAMUEL 18, 20**

**BIBLE POINT:**

**God wants us to help others.**

**BIBLE VERSE:**

**"A friend loves at all times."**

**Proverbs 17:17**

**SCHEDULE**

**Activity**

**Prayer**

**Worship**

**Bible Story**

**Craft**

### ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about friends. "We all have friends whether it's our mommy or daddy, brother, sister, or a friend in the neighborhood. We love to hang out with our friends too!" Talk to your child about things they like to do with their friends. Say things like friends love to do things together- dancing, playing toys, and helping each other. For smaller children or babies, you can show them pictures of friendships such as two friends playing blocks together and interacting. Talk about what you see (example: "Look at the two babies playing together. They are smiling. They are happy. They are friends!") A few pictures are included at the end of the lesson.

### PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for my friends and help me to be friendly to everyone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

## **WORSHIP:**

Sing "**Holy Spirit for Children**".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

<https://youtu.be/T4eW2HvizuI>

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



## **BIBLE STORY:**

Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest.

**"Let's pat our Bible."** Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

## **Babies and Toddlers:**

**Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from 1 Samuel 18, 20.**

**"The Bible tells us that a good friend is someone who is always there for you.**

**David and Jonathan started to become really good friends. They liked each other a lot, and they had a lot of fun when they were together. David ate meals and slept in the same house where Jonathan lived.**

**Jonathan made sure David felt at home. Jonathan gave David some things that were special and important to him—his coat, his bow, and his belt. These gifts were very special to David.**

**BIBLE STORY CONTINUED:**

David and Jonathan make a promise to each other. They promised they always would be friends no matter what happened. They promised to always help each other and care for each other. In the Bible we read, 'A friend loves at all times.' (Proverbs 17:17). David and Jonathan were true friends."

Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping":

"I am David, I am Jonathan.

I love you, I love you.

I will be your friend, I will be your friend.

Ever true. Ever true."

**TIME TO TALK:**

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

**AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:**

A friend loves at all times.

Jesus is our best friend.

He always cares for us.

# ACTIVITY PICTURES



# TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Two crafts are attached, a coloring page and friendship bracelet craft. For the friendship bracelet, you will need yarn and cheerios or something other type of cereal you can string yarn through.

Talk to your child about the lesson and how God wants us to be kind and loving.

Encourage your child to give their friendship bracelet to a sibling, parent, or friend.

