



## LESSON 5

# Jonathan Helps a Friend

1 Samuel 20:1-42

(KBC Study Bible, pages 309-310)

## Character Word

**Friendliness** – *knowing, liking, and accepting other people just the way they are*

Jonathan was a true friend to David.

With God's help, I can be a friend to others.

## Memory Link

*“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”*

John 15:13 (KBC Study Bible, page 1172)

## Weekly Challenge

Practice forgiving family and friends this week. Be willing to say you're sorry and ask forgiveness if you say or do something that hurts another person and talk about it at home.

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**DAY 1** **READ: John 15:13** (KBC Study Bible, page 1172)

**THINK:** Jesus showed how much He loved you by giving His life to pay for your sin. He wants to be your Forever Friend. Read the tip-in pages “God Loves You and Has a Plan for Your Life” between pages 626-627 in your KBC Study Bible. Think about Jesus' sacrifice to make you a friend of God.

**PRAY:** Thank You, Jesus, for wanting to be my Forever Friend. Thank You for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus' name, amen.

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**DAY 2** **READ: Proverbs 17:17** (KBC Study Bible, page 684)

**DO:** When does a friend show love? At all times! Loving others is a choice that can sometimes be difficult. There may be a time when you don't want to act in a loving way, but your challenge today is to choose to show your love. Find a way to show love today, even when it's hard.

**PRAY:** Father God, help me treat my friends with love. Help me act in a loving way. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 3** **READ: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** (KBC Study Bible, page 709)

**DO:** Friends help each other. Find a piece of paper. On one side, draw a picture of you helping a friend. On the other side, draw a picture of a friend helping you. Thank God for your friends and ask Him to help you be a better friend to others.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for the friends I have who help me. Father, help me be that kind of friend. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 4** **READ: 1 Samuel 20:11-17** (KBC Study Bible, pages 309-310)

**THINK:** Think about the promise that David and Jonathan made to each other. True friends keep their promises. That's what makes God the best friend of all. He always keeps His promises.

**PRAY:** Thank You heavenly Father, for loving me and keeping Your promises to me. Father help me keep my promises to my friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 5** **READ: 2 Samuel 9:6-7** (KBC Study Bible, pages 331-332)

**THINK:** After Jonathan died and David became King, David looked for a way to show his love for Jonathan's family. Read "Bible Explorers" on page 332 in your KBC Study Bible to find out what David did. Think of the people who are most special to you and pray for each of them by name.

**PRAY:** Thank You, Jesus, for the special people You have placed in my life. Help me be a friend and show love to them. In Jesus' name, amen.