

K12 Small Group Lesson

Sept 12/13, 2020

Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care

BIBLE STORY:	MEMORY VERSE:	BOTTOM LINE:
We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) 1 Samuel 20 (sup: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)	<i>A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes. Proverbs 17:17 (NirV)</i>	Friends love one another.

APPLICATION ACTIVITY:

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Tell** kids that it's kind of like "Simon Says," except that when you give the command, kids have to do the opposite!
- **Inform** them that actions will be mixed in with how they treat friends, so they're going to have to think fast and do the opposite.
- **Emphasize** that if they can't think of an opposite, they're out. Or if they follow the command without doing the opposite they're out. The last person standing wins!
- **Check** to make sure they understand by saying, "So if I tell you to stand up, what will you do? (*Sit down.*) If I tell you to bump into your neighbor, what will you do? (*Hug them, high five, elbow bump, etc.*)"
- **Read** the following commands, in any order AND feel free to add your own!!
 - Jump up (opposite: squat down low)
 - Stay down (opposite: jump up)
 - Touch head (opposite: touch toes)
 - Stick tongue out at a friend (opposite: do something nice like bump elbows or high five)
 - Say something mean to a friend (opposite: say something nice to a friend)
 - Stand up (opposite: sit down)
 - Raise right hand (opposite: raise left hand)
 - Stand on left leg (opposite: stand on right leg)
 - Be quiet (opposite: talk)
 - Sing a song (opposite: could be dance or be silent)
 - Making fun of others (opposite: saying kind words to another)

What You Say:

"Love is an action. When we choose to encourage, share, support, forgive, and keep our promises, it brings us closer as friends. Loving a friend means you DO something

for that friend. ***[Make It Personal]*** *(Talk about a time you and a friend became closer by one of you doing something for the other. Maybe a friend helped you move, or you took care of a friend's dog when they were out of town.)* ***[Bottom Line]*** Friends love one another.

CONVERSATION / DISCUSSION:

- What do you admire about David and Jonathan's friendship? What makes them such a good example of great friends?
- Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them. How did it make you feel? ***[Make it Personal]*** ***Share a story of your own!***
- Can you think of a time you showed a friend they were important to you? What did you do to show them?
- How do you show your close friends that you love them? How is that different from showing love to friends who are good friends but not your best friends?

PRAY TOGETHER:

"Dear God, thank You for reminding us that friends love at all times! Thank You for sending Jesus, the best friend ever. Help us be kind and patient and put others first because **friends love one another**. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

EXTRA ACTIVITY:

What You Need: God Time Card

What You Do:

- Read Day 3 of the God Time Card together and discuss/do as a group