

Friends Love

1 Samuel 18:1-4

Bible Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." ~Proverbs 17:17

Supplies needed for this lesson:
Crayons, scissors, tape/glue stick

Our Bible story today is about friends. Jesus had twelve special friends while He was on Earth, called disciples. Who are your friends? What kinds of things do you like to do with your friends? Print the worksheet called Let's Be Friends! from the end of this lesson plan. Color in the bracelets, cut them out and share them with your friends. Friends are special. Today we're going to learn that friends love each other. Our Bible story is about two friends named David and Jonathan. As you read/watch the story, listen for how they showed love to each other.

Click the link at the LCKids web page to watch a video of Miss Sue and Woolly talking about how David and Jonathan became friends. You can also find a copy of the story to read with your family in this week's *My Sunday Pictures* file at the LCKids web page.

David and Jonathan were good friends! They loved each other and took care of each other. Next we're going to make a story card to help us remember this week's Bible story. Print this week's Make It/Take It called Friends Love Each Other from the end of this lesson plan. (It's best if you can print the front and back on the same page but you can also print on two pieces of paper and glue them back to back) Cut the colored strip from the top of the page, then color the pictures on the front and back. David was alone, like on the front page of our story card. But God knew he needed a friend. Fold the paper on the dotted line so David and Jonathan are together on the same side. God gave David a friend in Jonathan!

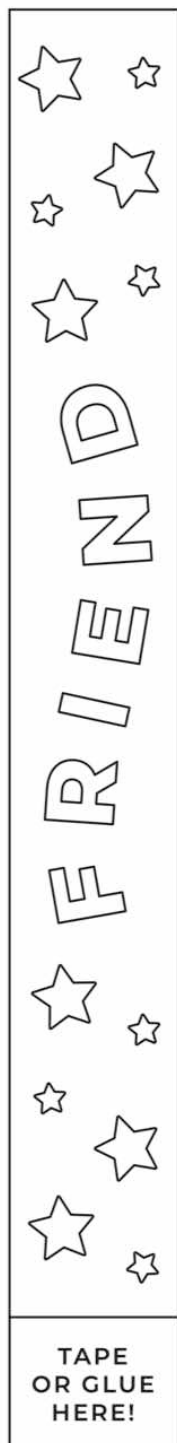
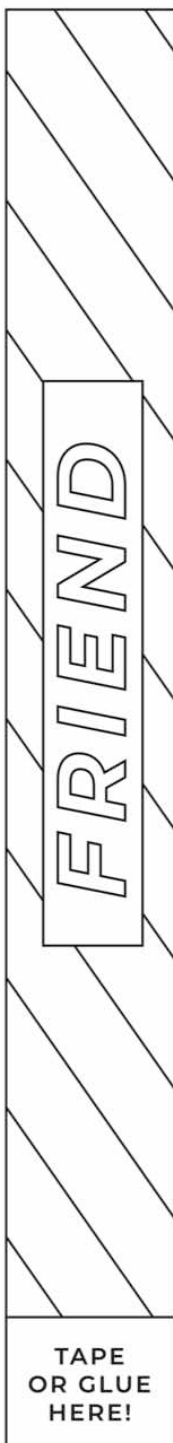
David and Jonathan were friends. They loved each other. We can love our friends, too!

Prayer:

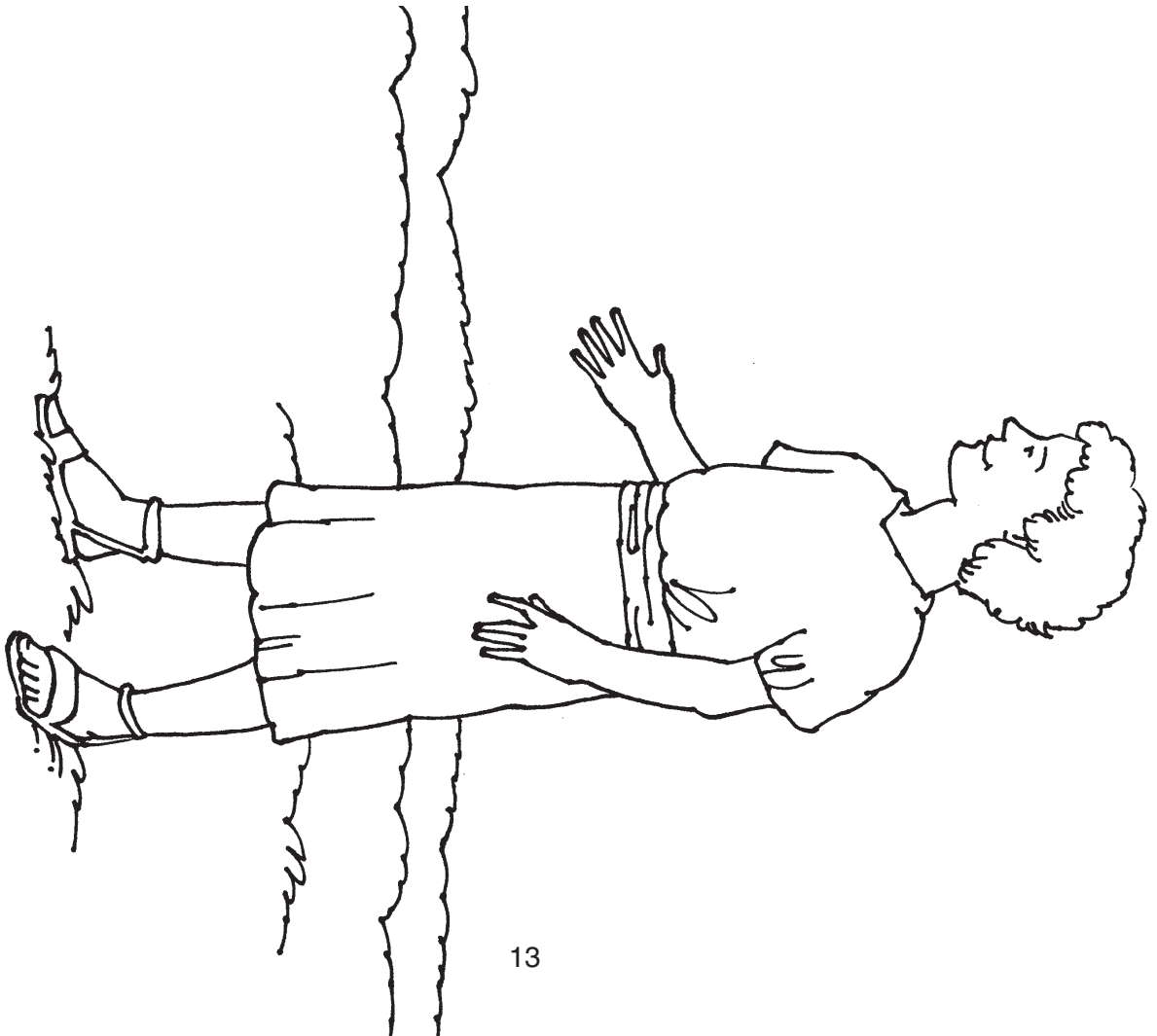
Dear God, thank You for our friends, especially our friend Jesus. Help us show love to our friends this week. We love You, Jesus! Amen.

There are a few extra take-home files at the LCKids web page this week. The *David and Jonathan Activity Packet* has coloring pages and other worksheets to help you remember this week's Bible story. You can also print out the *Fishy Friends booklet* for a cute story about friendship. There are two Parent Pages – *F21 My Sunday Pictures Unit Preview*, which goes over the Bible stories we will be covering for the next month or so, and *F21-5 PS-K My Sunday Pictures*, which is the Parent Page for this week's lesson.

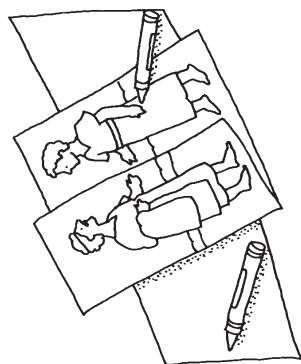
LET'S BE FRIENDS!



How to make a friendship bracelet: Color. Cut. Use glue or tape to fasten the ends of the paper together to make a bracelet.



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FOR TEACHER

Before class:

- Remove this page from the book and tear off the colored strip.
- It will help your children later if you fold each paper on the broken line and then unfold it. They can use the crease as a guide.

During class:

- Let the children color both sides of the project.
- Show the children that David is alone on one side of the paper, and Jonathan is alone on the other side.
- Help the children fold the paper on the broken line to bring Jonathan forward to greet his friend David.

Optional:

- The children can glue a fabric scrap on the coat Jonathan is carrying over his arm to give David.

Talk about:

- That friends love each other.
- The fact that God knew that David needed a friend.

FOR PARENTS

The emphasis of today's lesson was that friends love each other. Your child heard a Bible story about two good friends named David and Jonathan (1 Sam. 18:1-4).

Focus on your child's friendships with other children this week. Perhaps you could invite one of your child's friends over to play. Reinforce the lesson by talking about how nice it is that friends love each other. Then thank God for friends who love each other.

