

# Block Party: Everyone's Invited



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

Friendship:  
using your  
words and  
actions to  
show others  
you care.

### Memory Verse

"A friend loves at  
all times. They are  
there to help when  
trouble comes."  
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

### Bible Story

David and  
Jonathan  
(1 Samuel 20)

### Bottom Line

Friends love  
one another.

Use this guide with your family to learn how  
God can help us be better friends.

## Activity

### It's a Draw!

#### What You Need

Paper, pencil, and crayons, colored  
pencils, or markers

#### What You Do

Discuss the story, covering the  
following points:

1. King Saul had a son named Jonathan.
2. Jonathan's best friend, David, was chosen by God to be the next king.
3. Jonathan gave David his belt, robe, sword, and bow as a gift.
4. King Saul was very jealous of David and planned to attack him.
5. Jonathan warned David that his father planned to attack him. Jonathan shot arrows into the field where David was hiding.
6. David understood his friend's message and knew he had to leave—or else he'd be hurt by King Saul.
7. David and Jonathan said goodbye to one another.

Say, "What an incredible story! Jonathan was a good friend to David. What's your favorite part of the story?" (*Allow for response.*)

Guide your child to draw and color a picture of their favorite scene from the story.

## Talk about the Bible Story

How was Jonathan a good friend to David? (*He honored David by giving him royal gifts; he created a plan to tell David that his father wanted to hurt him; he saved David's life*)

Do you have any friends who have helped you when you needed it? Tell me about it.

Say, "Jonathan helped David because they were friends. And real friends love one another."

## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for being our Friend forever. Thank You for loving us no matter what. Help us to be a friend like Jonathan. Help us to be loyal, honest, and good to the people You have put in our lives. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

# Friendship means using your words and actions to show others you care.

DAY 1

## Read Proverbs 17:17

Are you learning about verbs at school? Verbs are action words. So, here's a little exercise. Circle the action words in the sentences below.

- Sam runs around his town for exercise.
- Destiny loves to dance.
- Celia helps her mom with dinner.

Did you underline runs, dance, and helps? Great job—you found all the verbs. Now take a look at the first sentence from your verse today. What is the action word? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, a friend loves. The verb or action is love. Friends choose to love. When the friend is sad, when the friend is quiet, when the friend is talking a lot and when the friend wants to play a game you really dislike. Friends love. It's what friends do. You can show love as you play, as you listen, as you dance, and as you get a job done.

What are some ways you can show love to your friends this week? Write down three specific ideas in the space below.

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Ask God to help you follow through to show love to your friends in the specific ways you've written down. And also, spend some time thanking God for loving you, always.

DAY 2

## Read 1 Peter 4:8

Do you know what the word “deeply” means? To love one another deeply simply means to do so with purpose. So, another cool way to say it is that friends should love one another on purpose. Why? Because love erases wrongs. We all mess up sometimes. But when we choose to love others on purpose, it helps us to forgive and move on.

Find a dry erase board and marker or ask an adult if you can write on a mirror with a washable marker. Write out the words of today's verse and read it aloud. Then, erase one word and repeat the verse again, including the missing word. Continue in the same way, erasing one word at a time and repeating the verse until you can recite it from memory.

**Thank God for loving you on purpose** and for erasing all your sins or mess ups. Ask Him to help you be a good friend by loving others around you too.

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DAY 3

### Read 1 John 4:7

How can you show your friends that you love and follow God?

The answer is simple: friends love one another. Why? Because love comes from God. In fact, God IS love. You cannot separate God from love. The biggest way you can show others that you love God is to love the people around you too!

Grab a sheet of paper and some coloring supplies. Write this week's bottom line on the page, "**Friends love one another.**" Hang this somewhere you'll see it all week.

**Look for ways to show love to your friends.**

DAY 4

### Read Romans 12:10

Circle the response that shows love in the scenarios below:

**Your friend** is sad but you don't know why.

- You ignore it and keep playing.
- You ask what's wrong and then listen when she's ready to talk.
- You tell your friend to stop acting so quiet and weird.

**Your friend** throws the ball and it goes down in the gutter. You say,

- "It's okay. It was an accident."
- "Way to go. Now we can't play anymore!"
- "I can't believe you did that!"

**Your friend** misses catching the ball and your kickball team loses at recess.

- You yell at your friend in front of everyone.
- You refuse to speak to that friend for the rest of recess.
- You say, "It's okay" and remind him that you missed a big shot earlier in the game.

It's easy to spot the "right" answers in these scenarios. But in real life, it can be really hard to love and honor others more than yourself. The good news is that God will help you be a good friend, the kind of friend who loves even when it's hard.

Thank God for loving you and for showing you how to love others too. Ask Him to help you honor others more than yourself this week, when it's easy and when it's hard.

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# Elementary

WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

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Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.



### REMEMBER THIS

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## Week Two

David and Jonathan  
1 Samuel 20

## Say This

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## Do This



### Meal Time

**Q&A FOR KIDS:** Who is your best friend? Why do you think you're such good friends?

**Q&A FOR PARENTS:** Who was your best friend when you were little? How did you meet them? Are you still friends?



**Grandparents have an abundance of love and wisdom to offer, so keep being intentional at widening the circle for your family and inviting them in to help shape your kid's story.**

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