

Talk About It:

- Ask one of your grownups about their childhood friends. Are they still friends?
 - What do you like to do with your friends?
 - When you think about your friends, what are you most thankful for?
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Read About It:

Read this story about David and Jonathan from 1 Samuel 18:1-12; 19:1-10; 20:1-42*

With a sling and a stone, David killed Goliath—the mighty Philistine warrior, and became a hero. King Saul’s son Jonathan became best friends with David. Jonathan gave gifts to David: his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt. David was successful at everything King Saul asked him to do, and Saul made David a high officer in his army.

But soon, Saul became jealous of David and wanted to kill him. Jonathan warned David so that he could hide. When Saul found out that David had gone to hide in a safe place, he got angry at his son, Jonathan, and tried to hurt him, too! Jonathan ran to David’s hiding spot and used a secret signal to let him know that it was time to run away and escape before it was too late.

David and Jonathan cried and said their goodbyes. “Take care of yourself,” Jonathan said. The two men parted ways knowing that no matter what, they would always be friends.

- David and Jonathan were good friends, even though they were very different. David had been a shepherd, and Jonathan was a prince!
- What were some of the ways Jonathan showed his friendship to David?
- David had to run away to stay safe from Saul. How hard do you think it was for Jonathan to tell David goodbye?

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Sing About It:

Learn a new song about how God helps us to be good friends. Find this song on YouTube:

[Your Friend](#) (Lifetree Kids, Hay Day VBS, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- Friends are very special to us. It's fun to play with our friends, spend time together, laugh together, and grow up together. Just like Jonathan was there for David in a difficult time, we can be there for our friends when life is hard.
 - How do friends help us during hard times?
 - How does it make you feel to know that you have special friends who care for you?
 - What special friends are you most thankful for?
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Make It:

You will need: 2 old puzzle pieces that fit together, string or yarn, permanent markers



1. Color the blank sides of the puzzle pieces. (Or paint them white first to be able to decorate both sides!)
2. Ask a grownup to help drill or poke a hole near the top of each puzzle piece.
3. Add a string or yarn through each piece to make two necklaces.
4. Keep one necklace and give one to a friend to help you remember that even when you are apart, you will always be friends.

From: <https://www.agirlandaglugun.com/2013/11/friendship-necklace-with-puzzle-pieces-kid-craft-monday.html>

Do It:

Friendship is a special gift, and being a good friend is a way to show God's love to others. Here are some ideas for how you can be a good friend this week:

- Call, FaceTime, or Zoom with a friend and tell them how much you enjoy being friends.
 - Draw or paint a picture of you and your friends having fun together.
 - Make a list of ways you can be a good friend at school or at home, then try them!
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Pray About It:

Thank God for your friends and ask God to help you be a good, faithful, loving friend.

Memorize It:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1