

BLOCK PARTY

Experiencing Godly Friendships



Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)

Suggested uses: during family devotions, meal time, long family car rides, etc.

Follow-Up to KidsQuest Online
September 13, 2020

Truth (Read: 1 Samuel 20)

In 1 Samuel, we see that God had given His people judges and prophets, but they wanted a king. God told the prophet Samuel to choose Israel's first two kings: Saul, and later David. Jonathan was King Saul's son and typically the son of the king would get to be the next king, but God had chosen David. King Saul had also chosen David to lead his armies into battle, and David kept winning. But Jonathan was not jealous! King Saul noticed how the people loved David, and he got so jealous and angry, he threw a spear at David; later, he told Jonathan and his servants to kill David. So, Jonathan and David made a plan to keep David safe. While Jonathan went to King Saul's feast, David hid in a field. David asked Jonathan to make up a story to explain why he wasn't at the feast; that way they could find out if King Saul was still angry. Jonathan would then go to the field and shoot an arrow to let David know how Saul was feeling. On the second day of the feast, King Saul threw a spear at Jonathan, which meant that David was still not safe. Jonathan shot an arrow as a way to tell David to run far away. Jonathan chose to show love to David and protect him. David and Jonathan remained friends, and in the years to come, David always showed kindness to Jonathan and his family.

Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. In 1 Samuel 20 what do you admire about David and Jonathan's friendship? What makes them such a good example of friendship? Jonathan protected David and stood up for him in front of his angry father. We should help our friends and protect them from harm.
2. How does Jonathan remind us of Jesus?
The way Jonathan loved David. He protected David. He set him free from Saul's anger, just like Jesus set us free from our sins.
3. How does Jesus show us we are important to Him? Jesus showed us that we are important enough to him to die on the cross! Because of that and his resurrection, we can spend forever with him in heaven.

Accountability

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love takes no pleasure in evil but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong. Love never ends. There are gifts of prophecy, but they will be ended."

This passage says a lot about love. Discuss what love is and what love is not. How could we love our friends more like Jesus loves us?



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Proverbs 17:17

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Mission

Talk together about how we can make others feel important and see them as God's special creation. Is there someone specific we do not make feel important? How could we make them feel loved? How could we share the gospel with them?

Supplication

Discuss as a family what adjectives you want to use to fill in the below blanks. Pray together.

God, I pray that you would help us be good friends. Jesus, show us and remind us how to serve and love others. God, teach me to be ____ like ____."

Example: God, teach me to be loving like Jonathan.
Or God, teach me to be loyal like Ruth.



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