

# 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 20, 2020

### Truth (1 Kings 19:14-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15)

Summary: In 1 and 2 Kings Elijah and Elisha found out how important it is to encourage each other. These two books take place after David was king and when most people did not follow God. God sent prophets to share His word with the people and Elijah was one of them. Through God's power, he brought a boy back to life! But being a prophet was lonely and challenging, so Elijah cried out to God. Then God sent the next prophet: Elisha. They became companions and Elisha watched as Elijah spoke to kings and shared God's words with the people. One day, they knew the Lord was going to bring Elijah to heaven. Elijah told Elisha to stay as he went to Bethel. But Elisha would not and said, "I will not leave you." This happened two more times. Then they arrived at the Jordan river and God parted the waters by having Elijah hit the water with his coat so they could cross on dry land. Elijah encouraged Elisha by saying he could have anything he asked for as long as he saw Elijah when he was taken away. Then Elijah was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot and Elisha shouted, "You are like a father to me!" Elisha noticed his coat was left and that with it, he could do amazing things that Elijah could do. Elijah and Elisha were always there for each other, no matter what!

### Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. When has someone encouraged you? What did they do?
2. How do we encourage one another? (Be kind to each other, remind each other of the gospel, listen to each other, help one another in hard times)
3. How does Elisha show he loves Elijah? (He is loyal to Elijah and stays with him; he tells Elijah he views him as a father)
4. How does Jesus encourage us? Why is it so important? Jesus calls us Children of God and says we are dear to him!  
1 John 4:4; the Christian life is not easy!

### Accountability

1. How has your speech towards others been? Have you encouraged them or brought them down?
2. How can we work on being more positive and uplifting to others?



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### Mission

Look through these verses and see how the Bible is calling us to encourage our friends and family! Think of some specific people you could encourage this week.

- Proverbs 27:17
- Thessalonians 5:11
- Ephesians 4:29

### Supplication

Go around the circle and encourage each other in something they have been doing or a quality they have! Then go around the circle and pray for the person to your right and thank God for them!



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# **Encouragement in Action**

## **OPTION 1:**

**Pray for your friend.**

## **OPTION 2:**

**Write your friends a letter about what you admire about them.**

## **OPTION 3:**

**Write out a Bible verse on a notecard to encourage your friend and show them that you care **AND** that God cares the most!**

## **OPTION 4:**

**Give—your time, yourself, your resources—does your friend need something? Make a list of what you can give to encourage them.**