

# Jonathan

## Trigger

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### Find The Friend

#### Material

- Paper bags
- Images of faces
- 2 images of David's face



#### Steps

1. Before class, place all the different faces except David's in individual bags. The idea is that they can't know which face is in which bag.
2. Place the bags on a table in front of the children.
3. Tell the children that Jonathan was David's friend and that they lost sight of each other.
4. Explain that in each of the bags, there is a different face, but they have to find David's face. You can show them the other image of David's face so they know who they are looking for.
5. Start by asking a child what bag he thinks David is in. Show the face in the bag.
6. If it's David, rejoice that they've found Jonathan's friend. If it's another face, let another child guess for another bag.
7. Continue until David's face is found.
8. Make the connection with the story of the Bible. David was Jonathan's friend.

## Key Verse

### Proverbs 17:17

## Multimedia & Clips

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### Images

[freebibleimages.org](http://freebibleimages.org)

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### Clip-YouTube

1. David and Jonathan's Friendship in the Bible In English
2. Slapstick Theater (Jonathan and David)

## Object Lesson

### Friends Do Lots Of Fun Things

#### Material

- Bow
- Arrow



#### Steps

1. Explain to the children that it is important to be a good friend.
2. Show the bow and arrow.
3. Explain to the children that David and Jonathan were friends and that they loved to share.
4. Recite and mime the rhyme. Encourage the children to do the gestures with you.

#### Nursery Rhyme

- Friends do lots of fun things  
(Extend your hands with your palms facing upwards.)
- They love each other, talk to each other and sometimes they sing  
(Show the heart, then the mouth; move your hands as if to lead a song.)
- Listen, help, learn and share  
(Place a funnel-shaped hand around the ear; extend one hand, show the head; extend the hands joined by the side, palms facing upwards.)
- Doing these things together is friendship.  
(Extend your hands; fold your arms to hug yourself.)

## Songs

[www.youtube.com/PhilippeChasse](http://www.youtube.com/PhilippeChasse)

- The B.I.B.L.E.
- Never Let Go Of Me

## The Heart of the Father

### & Prayer

Jonathan was a very good friend, the best. He was David's friend. In good and bad times, he was there for David.

It's not always easy to find good friends who will be faithful and who will remain your friends at all times. Unfortunately, sometimes our friends hurt us, they leave us for other friends and they speak badly of us and when it



happens, oh! That hurts us! In moments like this, we need the love of our Heavenly Father to comfort us and to give us his help to forgive. And the Father loves us so much that he doesn't leave us alone. The Bible tells us that Jesus is our friend, and not just any friend, he is the most faithful of friends you have ever had. Besides, Jesus understands what you're going through. Do not forget that he walked on the earth, that he too had friends, that his friend Judas rejected him. Tell him about your friendships, open your heart and let him help you. And if you are hurt by the behavior of some friends, let the love of the Father come to heal your heart and take away your sorrow. He also knows how pleasant and enjoyable friends can be; having friends is important and Jesus had plenty of them. Tell him also the pleasant things that happen with your friends. Share your joy with him.

## Discussion time

What do you think a good friend is?

Share about friendship with children.

## Application

This morning, we're going to make a card for someone we love, a friend, and we're going to give it to him or her. In this card, you have to draw a nice picture.

## Craft

### Friendship Bracelets

#### Material

- Toilet paper rolls
- Stickers
- Coloured pencils
- Scissors



#### Steps

1. Give each child a toilet paper roll, making sure the roll fits well around the child's wrist. If not, use scissors to adjust it.
2. Ask the children to decorate the roll with stickers and coloured pencils.

## Activity

### Help Jonathan Find David

#### Material

- Quinoa seeds
- Magnetic objects (trombones, small refrigerator magnets, clothespins, etc.)
- Non-magnetic objects (gums, elastics, dice, figurines, etc.)
- Plastic bin
- Magnetic wand



#### Steps

1. Before class, fill the plastic tray with quinoa grains. Place all the objects in it. You can hide some objects in quinoa and let others overtake.
2. After telling the story of the day, give the magnetic wand to a first child and tell him or her to use it to find a magnetic object.
3. Let each child, in turn, look for a magnetic object.
4. Make the connection with the story, the magnetic object representing Jonathan's friend: David.

#### Optional

- You can use rice, pasta, sand or salt.
- To help children, you can put more magnetic objects in the bin.

## Physical Activity

### Start The Message

#### Material

- White paper

#### Steps

1. Make paper airplanes. Ask the children to do so if they are able.
2. Ask the children to throw the paper plane.
3. Make the connection with the story. In the Bible, Jonathan sent an arrow to leave a message for David. Explain how the plane is like the arrow Jonathan used.



## Snack

### Arrow

#### Material

- Strawberries
- Pretzels

#### Steps

1. Before class, prepare the strawberries by hulling them. Also cut half of the strawberries into a "V" shape.
2. Ask the children to insert a pretzel into the strawberry to represent the tip of the arrow.
3. Then tell them to insert a V-shaped strawberry at the other end of the pretzel. These are the feathers of the arrow.

