



BEST FRIENDS



1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18-19

King Saul became grumpy. His servants asked David to play his harp for the king. The music cheered him up, so the king invited David to live in the palace. David became friends with King Saul's son, Prince Jonathan, and Jonathan's sister, Michal.

David won many battles for the king. The people said David was a better fighter than the king. This made King Saul very angry and jealous. "Everyone likes David more than me," he thought.

King Saul became so angry that he threw a spear at David, but David escaped. Then one day, Prince Jonathan warned David, "You must run far away." They promised to always be best friends.



Who helps you love others? God! Because God loves me I can love others.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Friendship Bracelets - - - **Floor** - Target Toss



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

WHO'S YOUR FRIEND? --- Engage preschoolers in a conversation about who their friends are. **What do friends do together? How can you be a good friend? Our story today is about two friends in the Bible. They spent a lot of time with one another and helped each other. Let's listen carefully to what happened.**



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, pages 181 - 185; or watch the story video from the jump drive on the TV.

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the August 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

We love because God first loved us.
1 John 4:19



ACTIVITIES

TARGET TOSS

- Show interested preschoolers the basket of bean bags and the target at the opposite side of the room. Have preschoolers stand behind the taped line and toss the bean bags at the target.
- **David and Jonathan were best friends. They spent a lot of time practicing with their bows and arrows. Jonathan would help David with his arrows and David would help Jonathan. Jonathan gave David a his coat, sword, bow and belt as a gift.**

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FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

- Lay out the pipe cleaners and pony beads. Show interested preschoolers the sample bracelet and allow them to create a bracelet to give to their friend.
- **There are many things we can do to show our friends we care about them. We can help them clean up toys, pray for them, or offer them gifts. Who do you think you could give this bracelet to? God loves us and helps us love others.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.