



BEST FRIENDS



1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18-20

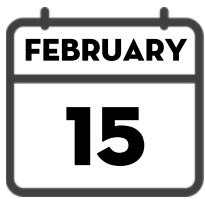
King Saul became grumpy. His servants asked David to play his harp for the king. The music cheered him up, so the king invited David to live in the palace. David became friends with King Saul's son, Prince Jonathan, and Jonathan's sister, Michal.

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.



I can love others because God loves me.



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** - - - **Floor** - cars



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Kindness Ball --- Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Show preschoolers the soft ball. Talk about how we can show love to others by saying kind words about them. Explain you will toss (or roll) the ball to someone in the circle and then say a kind word about the receiver. The receiver then tosses the ball to another friend and says something kind about the new receiver. Continue until everyone has an opportunity to share a kind word.

Today we will hear about two friends in the Bible and how they showed love for each other.



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, page 181; or view the story video on the TV. The story and songs for the month are in the folder marked "February."

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the January 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**Love one another.
John 13:34**



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. Practice taking turns and cheering for each other when someone tosses the bean bag.
- **David and Jonathan were best friends. They spent time together practicing with their bows and arrows shooting at a target. Jonathan would help David with his arrows and David would help Jonathan. Jonathan gave David his coat, sword, bow and belt as a gift. What kind of things do you do with your good friends? Do you play games, go to school together or play at a park? How can you show love to your friend?**

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ROLL AND PLAY

- Show interested preschoolers the soft colored cube and the matching cards with actions. Tell preschoolers they will take turns to roll the cube and choose a card from the appropriate colored card pile.
- While playing the game, encourage preschoolers to speak kind words and cheer each other when it is their turn. Use phrases like: Yay, (Name)!" "Good job!" Feel free to clap and high five one another.
- **We just practiced taking turns and cheering for our friends. God loves us, so we can love our friends by taking turns and cheering for them. We are showing kindness when we cheer our for our friends.**



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.