

August Weeks 3 and 4



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OVERVIEW CARD

DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE

Key Question:

Who gives you good friends?

Bottom Line:

God gives me good friends.

Memory Verse:

"Two people are better than one.
They can help each other in everything they do."
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

Good friends comfort each other.
David and Jonathan Say Goodbye
1 Samuel 20:3-42

Coloring Page:

David and Jonathan are friends.

Music:

Great Big God
My God is Number One
Together
Nobody Loves Me Like You

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
Best Friends
Pages 181 to 185

Story:

That's What a Friend Is!
by P.K. Hallinan

Service Time:

68 minutes (week 3)
70 minutes (week 4)

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ACTIVITY 1 – 2's/3's only **DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE**

Goodbye Love

Big Idea:

Have the children climb through the tunnel waving goodbye as they leave and getting a high five from you and others as they come out of the tunnel.

What You Need: Pop-up tunnel

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set up the tunnel in an open area in the room.

During the Activity: Line kids up at one end of the tunnel and then you stand at the other end. First kid turns to the kids behind him, waves goodbye, crawls through the tunnel to get a high five from you, and then line up behind you to greet the next kid coming through the tunnel. Repeat as many times as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, boys and girls! Come line up at the tunnel. You'll go one at a time through the tunnel, but before you go through, turn and wave goodbye to the friends behind you."

During the Activity: "Ready? (Pause.) Wave goodbye! (Pause.) Well, hello friend! (Give a high five.) Next up!" (Continue until all the kids have come through.)

After the Activity: "That was so much fun! Today in our Bible lesson, David and Jonathan had to say goodbye and that made them sad. Can you show me a sad face? (Pause.) Great job! Why were they so sad? (Pause.) Yes, that's right they were sad because they had to say goodbye to each other. Saying goodbye to good friends can definitely make you sad. But remember, you can be good friends with someone even if you are not always with them. We can love them from far away and keep them in our hearts just like David and Jonathan did and just like Buzz and Woody did when they were separated in Toy Story 2. **Who gives you good friends? God gives me good friends.**"

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ACTIVITY 2 – 2's/3's only **DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE**

Look in the Mirror

Big Idea

Have kids look at the different mirrors and have them mimic the emotions they see drawn on the mirror.

What You Need: Toddler-safe handheld mirrors and dry-erase markers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Draw faces showing different emotions on the mirrors with dry-erase markers.

During the Activity: Have kids look at the different mirrors and have them mimic the emotions they see.

After the Activity: Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over here and check this out."

During the Activity: "Look in the mirror. What do you see? *(Pause.)* Can you make the face you see in the mirror? *(Pause.)* Good job. I see happy faces. Show me your happy faces. *(Pause.)* I see excited faces. Show me your excited faces. *(Pause.)* Oh, I see some sad faces too. Show me your sad faces. *(Pause.)* Now show me a silly face. *(Pause.)* Great job!"
(Repeat as many times as desired.)

After the Activity: "Today in our Bible lesson we heard about when David and Jonathan had to say goodbye and their happy faces turned to sad faces. Why were they so sad? *(Pause.)* Yes, that's right they were sad because they had to say goodbye to each other. Saying goodbye to good friends can definitely make you sad. But remember, you can be good friends with someone even if you are not always with them. We can love them from far away and keep them in our hearts just like David and Jonathan did and just like Buzz and Woody did when they were separated in Toy Story 2. **Who gives you good friends? God gives me good friends.**"

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ACTIVITY 3 - ALL DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE

Hop Together Memory Verse

Big Idea:

Have the children link hands with a friend and hop to the shape called. Once inside, the shape have all of the children say their memory verse together.

What You Need: Masking tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Make a large circle, square, and triangle on the floor with the masking tape. (Note: You can choose to make other shapes preschoolers will recognize like a star, rectangle, or heart.)

During the activity: Ask the children to gather around the shapes and listen for you to call out a shape. When you do, they must link hands with a friend and hop inside that shape. After you have done this several times, begin saying “only girls” or “only boys” and then calling out a shape. You can even begin calling out specific names of children (“Jake and Luke”) and then a shape. Continue playing as long as the children are having fun.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: “Hi, friends! I’m ready to play! Are you ready to play? Great! Do you see the shapes on the floor? (Point to the shapes.) We have a circle, a square, and a triangle. When I call out a shape, I want you to link hands with a friend and hop inside that shape. I’ll show you. Circle! (Hop inside the circle while holding someone’s hand.) Square! (Hop inside the square while holding someone’s hand.) Got it? Get ready to hop! Once we are all inside, we will say our memory verse all together.”

At the end of the activity: “You hopped inside a circle. You hopped inside a square. You even hopped inside a triangle! Those were fun places, weren’t they? But sometimes places can be a little scary. Have you ever gone somewhere that made you afraid, like somewhere dark or somewhere you had never been before? Well, in our Bible lesson, David had to hide in the field because he was afraid of the king! And in Toy Story, Woody was scared when he was stuck at Sid’s house. Do you remember what they did when they were scared?”

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's only DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE

Look at My Face

Big Idea:

Have the children draw different faces (happy, mad, scared, silly, sad) inside the circle and then have them mimic the emotions they drew.

What You Need: Circle on white cardstock, dry-erase markers, tissue paper and clear sheet protectors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Talk about different emotions such as happy, mad, scared, silly, sad and have the children draw faces matching those emotions on the clear sheet protectors with dry-erase marker. Have kids mimic the emotions they drew.

After the Activity: Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over here and check this out."

During the Activity: "Look at this...What do you see? (Pause.) You are right, it is a circle, but I also see a blank face. Can you make a happy face inside the circle with your dry erase marker? (Demonstrate how to make a happy face.) Good job. I see happy faces. Show me your happy faces. (Pause.) Can you make a mad face? (Draw a mad face and show children) Good job. I see mad faces. Show me your mad faces. (Pause.) Can you make a scared face? (Draw a scared face.) Good job. I see scared faces. Show me your scared faces. Can you make a silly face? (Draw a silly face.) Good job. I see silly faces. Show me your silly faces. Can you make a sad face? (Draw a sad face.) Good job. I see sad faces. Show me your sad faces. (Pause.) (Repeat as many times as desired.)"

After the Activity: "Today in our Bible lesson we heard about when David and Jonathan had to say goodbye and their happy faces turned to sad faces. Why they were so sad? (Pause.) Yes, that's right they were sad because they had to say goodbye to each other. Saying goodbye to good friends can definitely make you sad. But remember, you can be good friends with someone even if you are not always with them. We can love them from far away and keep them in our hearts just like David and Jonathan did and just like Buzz and Woody did when they were separated in Toy Story 2.

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only **DAVID AND JONATHAN SAY GOODBYE**

Come Over!

Big Idea:

Play a game of Red Rover with the children using “Toy Story” characters.

What You Need:

Andy, Buzz, Woody, Jesse, Bullseye, Emperor Zurg, Hamm, Rex, Mr. Potato Head, Mrs. Potato Head, Slinky Dog, Little Bo Peep, Mr. Spell, Green Aliens (3), Toy Solider (2), Ken, Barbie and paint sticks

What You Do:

Before the activity: Print out the faces of each character on cardstock and attach to paint sticks.

During the activity: Give each child a Toy Story Character's face (*character faces will be pre-attached to the paint sticks*) and lead the children in playing a variation of the traditional game “Red Rover.” The children will not run and break hands in this game. They will simply run, skip, or hop to the other line and give a friend a high five when their character is called.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “I want to teach you a new game today. You may have heard of it. It's called ‘Red Rover.’ Have any of you ever played ‘Red Rover?’ (*Pause.*) Well, this is how you play. We will make two lines facing each other. Each line will face each other with their character sticks displayed for everyone to see. One line will say, ‘Red Rover, Red Rover send (*character's name*) right over.’ Then that person has to run, skip, or hop to the other line and give someone a high five as he joins their line. The lines will go back and forth asking for friends to join their line and giving friends high fives. You'll get the hang of it when we play!”

During the activity: “Red Rover, Red Rover send (*character's name*) right over! Yay! (*character's name*) is with us now!” (*Both lines will take turns saying this. Continue playing as long as there's interest.*)

At the end of the activity: “Great job, everyone! Two people ARE definitely better than one. After all, you can't really give yourself a high five! Aren't friends awesome? (*Pause.*) **Who gives you good friends? God gives me good friends.**”

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CRAFT WEEK 3

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Link It Up

Big Idea:

Have the Children decorate strips of paper and make a friendship chain to take home.

What You Need: Different colors of cardstock, clear tape, stapler, scissors, markers, crayons, and hand stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cut the cardstock into five-inch strips. Each child will need five strips.

During the Activity: Give each child five strips and ask them to decorate them using the crayons, markers and stickers. As they are decorating, write their name on each strip with the marker. Once complete, have the children give away four strips to four different friends (*preferably the friends at their table*) and take four strips from the same four friends.

After the Activity: Using the clear tape or stapler, attach the strips together by linking them together as circles. This will resemble a chain.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I think we should make something to hang in your room at home. It will remind you that we are Better Together! All I have are these strips of paper (*hold up*). Hmmmm, I wonder what we can do with these?"

During the Activity: (*Give each child five strips of paper, crayons, markers and stickers.*)

"Everyone can decorate five strips of paper with crayons, markers and stickers. Make them look BEAUTIFUL!"

After the Activity: "Wow! Those look awesome! Let's make a chain with our decorated paper and make a wonderful decoration for your rooms at home! Our paper will be BETTER TOGETHER! (*Make chain and place in their take home bags*) That looks amazing! I am so glad that we worked together. In our lesson today, we talked about David and Jonathan again! They are much BETTER TOGETHER! **Who gives you good friends? God gives me good friends.**"

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CRAFT WEEK 4

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Friendship Bracelets

Big Idea:

Children will make a friendship bracelet out of beads and pipe cleaners.

What You Need: Pipe cleaners, beads, and cut up straw pieces (2's and 3's)

What You Do:

Give each child a pipe cleaner and bend a small hook at one end to keep the beads from falling off. Allow the child to string the beads onto the straight pipe cleaner. Once the pipe cleaner is full of beads, tie the bracelet around the child's wrist and encourage the child to make a second bracelet to give to a friend.

After the Activity: Ask the child to think of a special person to give their bracelet to.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We have been learning that two is better than one! We are better together! We are going to make a special bracelet today. What makes this bracelet so special is that we are going to make TWO of them! We'll make one for you and one for a special friend."

After the Activity: "Your bracelets are gorgeous! Now we need to make another one so that you can give it to a special friend. (*Help kids make a second bracelet.*) Now you can show someone that you are BETTER TOGETHER!

Who gives you good friends? (Pause.) God gives me good friends."

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Rolling Pins, People Shaped Cookie Cutters and Sticker Roll

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Raise your hand if you like Playdoh. *(Pause and raise your own hand.)* I do too! Today, I have some really special cookie cutters we can play with. Can you tell me what shape they are? *(Pause.)* You are right! They are shaped like people! They are shaped like friends! Good friends are the best! They’re fun to play with. They take care of us when we’re sick. They keep all of our secrets. We can be totally silly with our good friends. And best of all, they make us smile when we’re sad!

SGL: “Our Bible lesson today was about two very good friends named David and Jonathan. Let’s make them out of Playdoh. *(Have children make two Playdoh figures.)* They loved each other and helped each other when they needed it. They were the best of friends. David and Jonathan had to say goodbye to each other in our Bible lesson today, and it was very sad. They were such good friends that they cried when it was time to say goodbye. Having to say goodbye to a good friend makes me sad. Have you ever had to say goodbye to a good friend? *(Pause.)* When David and Jonathan were sad, they gave each other a big hug and promised they would always be good friends. That’s what good friends do. They try and help each other feel better. Today, we’re going to make a list of things we can do to make our friends feel better when they are feeling sad. *(Go around and let each child say one way they can make a friend feel better.)* God loves us so much that He gives you and me good friends. **Who gives you good friends?”** *(Pause.)* **God gives me good friends!”**

“Ok, it’s time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool sticker today. Are you ready? *(Pause)* Great! *(Ask the children the questions from the “Parent Take Home Cards”. You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don’t forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.)* You are such great listeners!”

“Now I’ll pray before it’s time to say goodbye until next week. *(Read the prayer on the back of the “Parent Take Home Card.”)*”

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