



**David and Jonathan Become
Friends I Samuel 18:1-4**

WEEK 1



Discuss It!

POINT ➡ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 18, and show children the words. SAY: **The Bible tells us about two people who met and became friends. One day, King Saul's son Jonathan met a shepherd named David. A shepherd takes care of sheep. David and Jonathan became friends right away. Tell about your best friend.** Allow time.

SAY: **King Saul wanted David to live with him and Jonathan. Jonathan made a promise to be a good friend to David. Jonathan said he loved David as he loved himself.**

ASK: **What things would you do to make yourself happy?**

What things can you do to make a friend happy?

SAY: **To make sure David knew he was serious about his promise, Jonathan gave David his robe, shirt, sword, bow, and belt!**

ASK: **What's a promise you can make to a friend?**

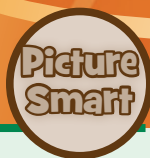
SAY: One way ➡ **WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS** is by giving them gifts or sharing things with them. **David and Jonathan showed kindness by making good promises and sharing their things.**





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Draw It!

POINT ➡ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.

Set out drawing supplies, and SAY: **Let's make cards for our friends, letting them know we care about them. Draw a picture of something you think your friend might like to have as a gift.**

While kids are drawing, write on each card "To: _____. I care about you. Love, _____." Have children each tell you their friend's name to fill in the first blank, and then have them write their own names if they're able. When they've finished, have them sit in a circle with their cards.

SAY: **One at a time, show us your picture and say, "I can be kind to my friend when I give him or her this picture of a _____."**

ASK: **Why did you choose the gift you drew for your friend?**

Besides drawing pictures, what's another way to show kindness to your friends?

SAY: **There are a lot of ways to show kindness. Jonathan gave David some of his extra clothes to show**

kindness. But they also helped each other. We can also say nice things to our friends or let them choose what to play. Those are all good ways ➡ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.



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Bang It!

POINT ➔ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.

Give two kids each a *Kaboom Stick*. Lead kids in singing ● “Two Good Friends” (track 3) on the *CD*, while the two kids bang their sticks together. Lead the rest of the kids in motions as described below. The song will repeat three times on the *CD*. Each time the song restarts, give two new children the *Kaboom Sticks* to bang together. Repeat the track as needed so everyone gets a turn with the *Kaboom Sticks*.

SING:

Two good friends. (*Shake right hands.*)

Two good friends. (*Shake left hands.*)

They stick together. (*Shake right hands again.*)

They stick together. (*Shake left hands again.*)

They stick together from head to toe. (*Put heads and feet together, side by side.*)

They stick together through high and low. (*Still sticking, stand on tiptoes, squat down, and then stand up.*)

They stick together through yes and no. (*Still sticking, nod “yes,” and then shake heads “no.”*)

Two good friends. (*Shake hands; then separate.*)

ASK: **What do you like to do with your best friends?**

What do you think it means to “stick together” with your friends?

SAY: **Friends stick together. That means ➔ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS no matter what. Even if they're mean to us, even if they're having a sad day and don't feel like playing. Good friends are like David and Jonathan—they always stick together!**



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Compare It!

POINT ➡ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.

SAY: Jonathan gave David four things: his coat, his belt, his sword, and his bow. These helped David have things he needed, things that people still need today! The coat and belt were clothes. The sword helped keep David safe. The bow helped him hunt food. Jonathan showed kindness by providing clothes, safety, and food for his friend.

ASK: What else can we do to show kindness to our friends?

Record kids' answers on a list. If kids need help getting started, suggest these ideas: a jacket on a cold day, half a sandwich when someone forgets a snack, a bandage if a friend scrapes a knee.

Designate one side of the room for things that cost money and one side for things that don't. One at a time, call out the items kids listed, and instruct them whether to hop, run, or march to the side that fits the item best.

SAY: One way to show kindness to our friends is to notice what they need and give what we can, whether it's a gift, a toy, a hug, or a bandage. Jonathan gave David useful things. Like Jonathan and David, ➡ **WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.**



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Answer It!

POINT ➔ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.

Have one child roll the *Question Cube*, and read the matching question on List 1 below. Have all the kids silently think of answers, and then let anyone who wants to share do so. Have kids take turns rolling and answering questions. If you get a repeat word, roll again or lead kids in the corresponding prayer on List 2 below.

List 1

- *Who* is a friend like David to you?
- *What* can you do to help a friend feel loved?
- *When* can you show kindness to your friends?
- *Where* do you see your friends the most?
- *Why* are you kind to your friends?
- *How* do you know someone is your friend?

List 2

- [*Who*] Think of a friend *who* you're thankful for. Thank God for that friend.
- [*What*] Ask God to show you *what* you can do to show love.
- [*When*] Thank God for a time *when* your friend helped you.
- [*Where*] Ask God to show you *where* you can make a new friend this week.
- [*Why*] Tell God *why* you want to be his friend.
- [*How*] Ask God to show you *how* to be a really great friend.

PRAY: Dear God, help us be kind to our friends. We want to be like David and Jonathan. In Jesus' name, amen.

SAY: When we care about our friends, we want them to know how special they are. That's why ➔ WE'RE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS.