



Today's Bible Story: We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) - 1 Samuel 20
supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Today's Bottom Line: Friends love one another

Monthly Memory Verse: *A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.*
Proverbs 17:17 (Nlrv).

Monthly Life App: Friendship- Using your words and actions to show others you care

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Opening Activity:

- Gather your family in a seated circle and invite them to play a memory game.
- Start by saying, "I'm going to my friend's party and I'm bringing..." Add something you'd bring to a party. (ie: cupcakes, extra chairs, drinks)
- The person to your right then says "I'm going to my friend's party and I'm bringing [your answer from above] and [item of their own]."
- Go around the circle as many times as you like.
- If someone misses an item, they are "out" and must wait until the next round to participate.
- Added Challenge: You can add complexity to this challenge by making a rule that the "gifts" have to be in ABC order. ie: the first person brings apples, the next person will bring apples and bananas. You can also decide that everyone's gift must start with the first letter of their name. ie: Becky brings balloons, James brings balloons and juice.

Check out this week's lesson on the Kidville Youtube page!

Discussion Questions:

Have you ever heard the expression 'rolling out the red carpet'? Red carpets are usually used at a movie premiere, fancy parties, or for kings and queens. Rolling out a red carpet means that you are prepared for special guests. The people who are 'walking the red carpet' are worth extra attention. I want to make my friends feel special, because I think they are!

- What would it look like if you "rolled out the red carpet" for a friend?
- Has a friend ever rolled out the red carpet for you?

For Older Kids:

- ❑ As we get older, it seems harder to show love to our friends in obvious ways. What's stopping you from showing your friends that you care about them? (*wanting to seem cool, not wanting to be mushy, not wanting to risk looking dumb, worrying that friends might not care about you like you do about them*).
- ❑ What are some good non-mushy, not-weird ways to care about your friends?

Memory Verse Activity:

Materials: 12 paper plates, marker, "Time for a Friend Card"

- ❑ With the paper plates provided, lay them in a large circle so they look like a clock. The circle should be large enough for each kid to lie down in the middle.
- ❑ On each plate, write a number (1-12), making sure the clock keeps its shape.
- ❑ Have your child lay inside of the clock, using their arms and legs to make the same time as on the "Time for a Friend Card".
- ❑ With each time, think of some ways you can show friendship at that time of day.
- ❑ *Note: You might need to help younger kids by saying, "7:30, that's breakfast time or 3:00 might be when you get out of school."*

Our memory verse reminds us that a friend loves at ALL TIMES, and our game certainly put that to the test!

When is an easy time to show that **[Bottom Line] friends love one another?** (*when everything is going great, when I have extra to share with my friends, when we are all in a happy mood, etc.*)

When is a hard time to show that **[Bottom Line] friends love one another?** (*when either my friends or I are grumpy, when I feel like I don't have enough to share, when my friends and I are competing against each other, when my feelings are hurt*).

[Bottom Line] "Friends love one another all the time; when it's easy to show love for others and even when it's tough. God loves us all the time. He loves us when we are happy and when we are grumpy; He never stops loving us. We can love one another best when we follow how God loves us.

Prayer:

Dear God, we are so thankful for our friends and thankful that You call us Your friends, as well. Please, help us love others the way You have loved us. Show us how to be kind and put our friends first this week, Amen.