A Covenant Between Friends

Lesson 10, 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-7, NIV

Acquaintance . . . or Friend?

Novelist S. E. Hinton once wrote, "If you have two friends in your lifetime, you're lucky. If you have one good friend, you're more than lucky." She spoke to the fact that we may have many acquaintances we call friends, but a "good friend" is more than a pal or a regular dinner companion. A good friend demonstrates loyalty and may even take risks on your behalf, just as Jonathan did with David.

Remembering My Friends

In this space, list all the people who would think of you as their friend. Write as many names as you can in this space in one minute. _____

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Now go back and circle the one or two people whose loyalty to you over time makes them more than an acquaintance. How is your friendship with this person or two people different from your relationship with the others? Write two or three answers here. _____

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Demonstrating His Friendship

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5 and 19:1-7. In this space, write attributes of Jonathan's friendship with David.

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How did Jonathan show that David was more than his pal?

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Strengthening Our Friendship

Notice that Jonathan reached out to David to promise his friendship to him. What actions could you take to demonstrate your friendship to someone who is or could be close to you?

My Friend's Name	What I'll Do

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