

Monthly Application: **Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care.**

Key Question: **How can you show your friends they're important?**

Bible Story: 1 Samuel 20

- What do you admire about David and Jonathan's friendship? What makes them such a good example of great friends?
- Has anyone ever had a friend like Jonathan, someone who put your needs before his or her own?
- Share about a time when someone showed you that you were important to them? How did it make you feel?
- Can you think of a time you showed a friend they were important to you? What did you do to show them?
- How do you show your close friends that you love them? How is that different from showing love to friends who are good friends but not your best friends?
- How can you show your friends you love them even while things are social distanced right now and different than normal?

Optional Activity: Divide a piece of paper into three columns and label them

- Column 1: Good friend
- Column 2: Bad Friend
- Column 3: Why
- **Prompt** kids to decide which column the people from the verses should go in and why, after each passage is read.
- Matthew 26:14-16 and Luke 22:47-48
- 2 Samuel 15:12 and 31 (POINT OUT that Absalom was supposed to be David's counselor but that he was conspiring with his enemy)
- 1 Samuel 20:12-15
- Ruth 1:16-17
- Philippians 2:19-24
- Luke 1:39-45
- Exodus 4:10-16
- **Talk** about how/when each person in the "good friend" column showed someone they were important. Who did they show? How did they show them?
- How can you practically show your friends you love them this week?

Monthly Memory Verse:

A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes. Proverbs 17:17, NIRV