

Lesson 11

David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 18:1–9; 20:18–42

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Friend Frisbee

Each child will need a paper plate, markers, and stickers. Show children how to poke a hole in middle of plate and cut the inside circle out, leaving the rim intact. Give help as needed. Add stickers to the rim and decorate it. Toss the rim as a Frisbee back and forth to a friend, telling each other “Jesus loves you” as you do so.



Secret Codes

Sometimes, close friends have a secret code that only they understand. David and Jonathan had one so that David knew whether Saul wanted to kill him or if he was safe. Divide the story into parts, and have kids work to create a secret code to tell parts of the story.

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C-O-D-E

Cards for Friends

Fold construction paper in half to make a card. On the front, draw a large heart. Give children tissue-paper squares to glue to the heart. On the inside of the card, attach a Jesus sticker, and have children draw a picture for a friend. Ask children to name some friends, including neighbors and church members. Talk about how friends show love for one another. Have children give the card to a friend.



Action Chant

Say each line and model the action for children to copy.

Jesus is my special friend. (*Point to heaven.*)

He shows me how to be a friend. (*Open hands.*)

I have lots and lots of friends. (*Point to many friends.*)

I hug my friends when they are sad. (*Give hugs.*)

I laugh with friends when they are happy. (*Laugh.*)

I play with friends and share. (*Hold hands out.*)

Showing love for my friends shows love for Jesus too. (*Point up.*)

