

JONATHAN WARNS DAVID

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¹Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to take my life?”

²“Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn’t do anything, great or small, without confiding in me. Why would he hide this from me? It’s not so!”

³But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”

⁴Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”

⁵So David said, “Look, tomorrow is the New Moon festival, and I am supposed to dine with the king; but let me go and hide in the field until the evening of the day after tomorrow. ⁶If your father misses me at all, tell him, ‘David earnestly asked my permission to hurry to Bethlehem, his hometown, because an annual sacrifice is being made there for his whole clan.’ ⁷If he says, ‘Very well,’ then your servant is safe. But if he loses his temper, you can be sure that he is determined to harm me. ⁸As for you, show kindness to your servant, for you have brought him into a covenant with you before the LORD. If I am guilty, then kill me yourself! Why hand me over to your father?”

⁹“Never!” Jonathan said. “If I had the least inkling that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn’t I tell you?”

¹⁰David asked, “Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?”

¹¹“Come,” Jonathan said, “let’s go out into the field.” So they went there together.

¹²Then Jonathan said to David: “By the LORD, the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? ¹³But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. ¹⁴But show me unflinching kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, ¹⁵and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth.”

¹⁶So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David’s enemies to account.” ¹⁷And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

¹⁸Then Jonathan said to David: “Tomorrow is the New Moon festival. You will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

¹⁹The day after tomorrow, toward evening, go to the place where you hid when this trouble began, and wait by the stone Ezel. ²⁰I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target. ²¹Then I will send a boy and say, ‘Go, find the arrows.’ If I say to him, ‘Look, the arrows are on this side of you; bring them here,’ then come, because, as surely as the LORD lives, you

are safe; there is no danger. ²²But if I say to the boy, ‘Look, the arrows are beyond you,’ then you must go, because the LORD has sent you away. ²³And about the matter you and I discussed—remember, the LORD is witness between you and me forever.”

²⁴So David hid in the field, and when the New Moon festival came, the king sat down to eat. ²⁵He sat in his customary place by the wall, opposite Jonathan, and Abner sat next to Saul, but David’s place was empty. ²⁶Saul said nothing that day, for he thought, “Something must have happened to David to make him ceremonially unclean—surely he is unclean.” ²⁷But the next day, the second day of the month, David’s place was empty again. Then Saul said to his son Jonathan, “Why hasn’t the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?”

²⁸Jonathan answered, “David earnestly asked me for permission to go to Bethlehem. ²⁹He said, ‘Let me go, because our family is observing a sacrifice in the town and my brother has ordered me to be there. If I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away to see my brothers.’ That is why he has not come to the king’s table.”

³⁰Saul’s anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don’t I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? ³¹As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!”

³²“Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. ³³But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

³⁴Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the month he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father’s shameful treatment of David.

³⁵In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a small boy with him, ³⁶and he said to the boy, “Run and find the arrows I shoot.” As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ³⁷When the boy came to the place where Jonathan’s arrow had fallen, Jonathan called out after him, “Isn’t the arrow beyond you?” ³⁸Then he shouted, “Hurry! Go quickly! Don’t stop!” The boy picked up the arrow and returned to his master. ³⁹(The boy knew nothing of all this; only Jonathan and David knew.) ⁴⁰Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, “Go, carry them back to town.”

⁴¹After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.

⁴²Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did David hide in the field?
5		2.) How did David know that King Saul was still looking to kill him?
5		3.) How did Jonathan help David?
5		4.) Why do you think David and Jonathan wept together?

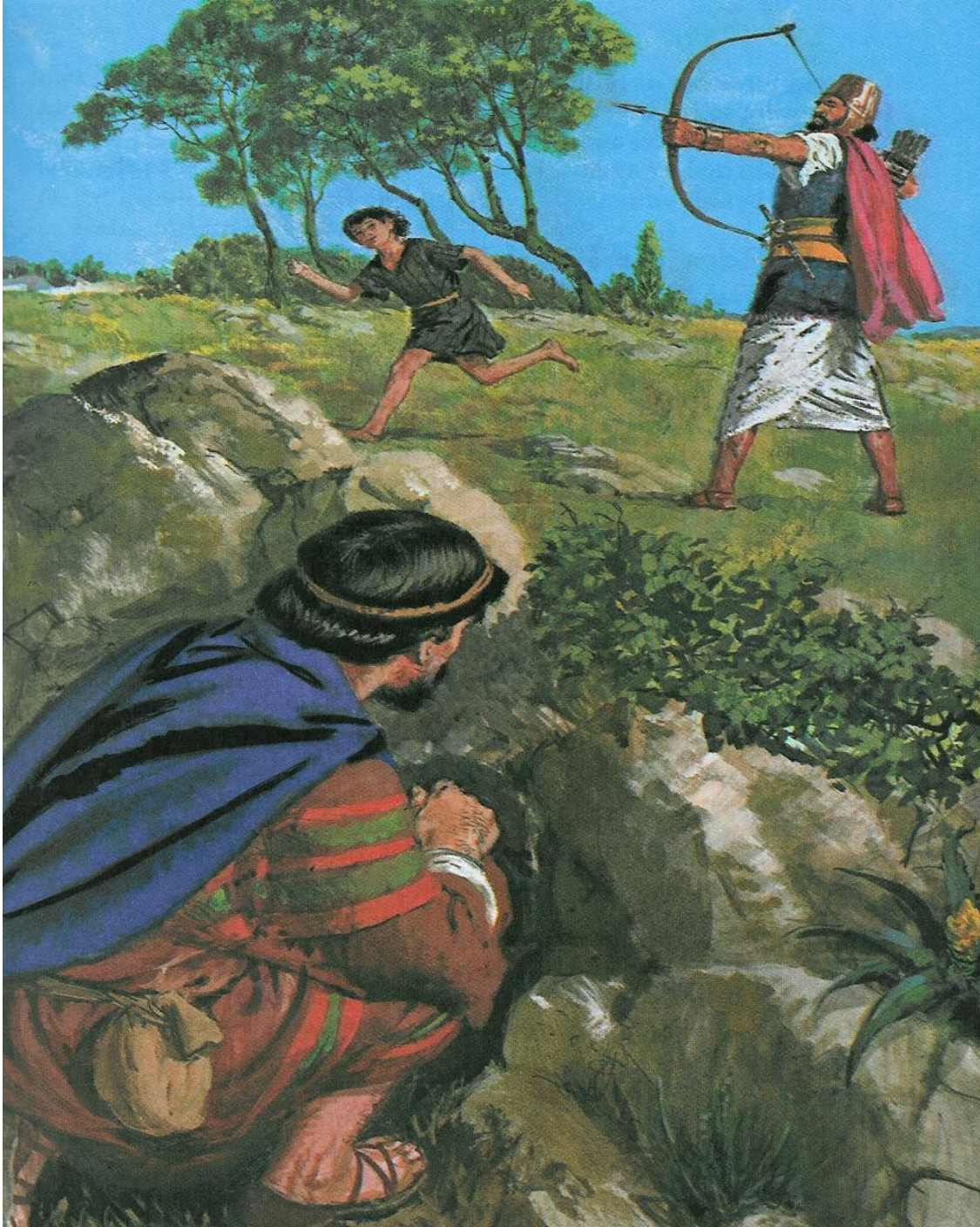
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 18:24</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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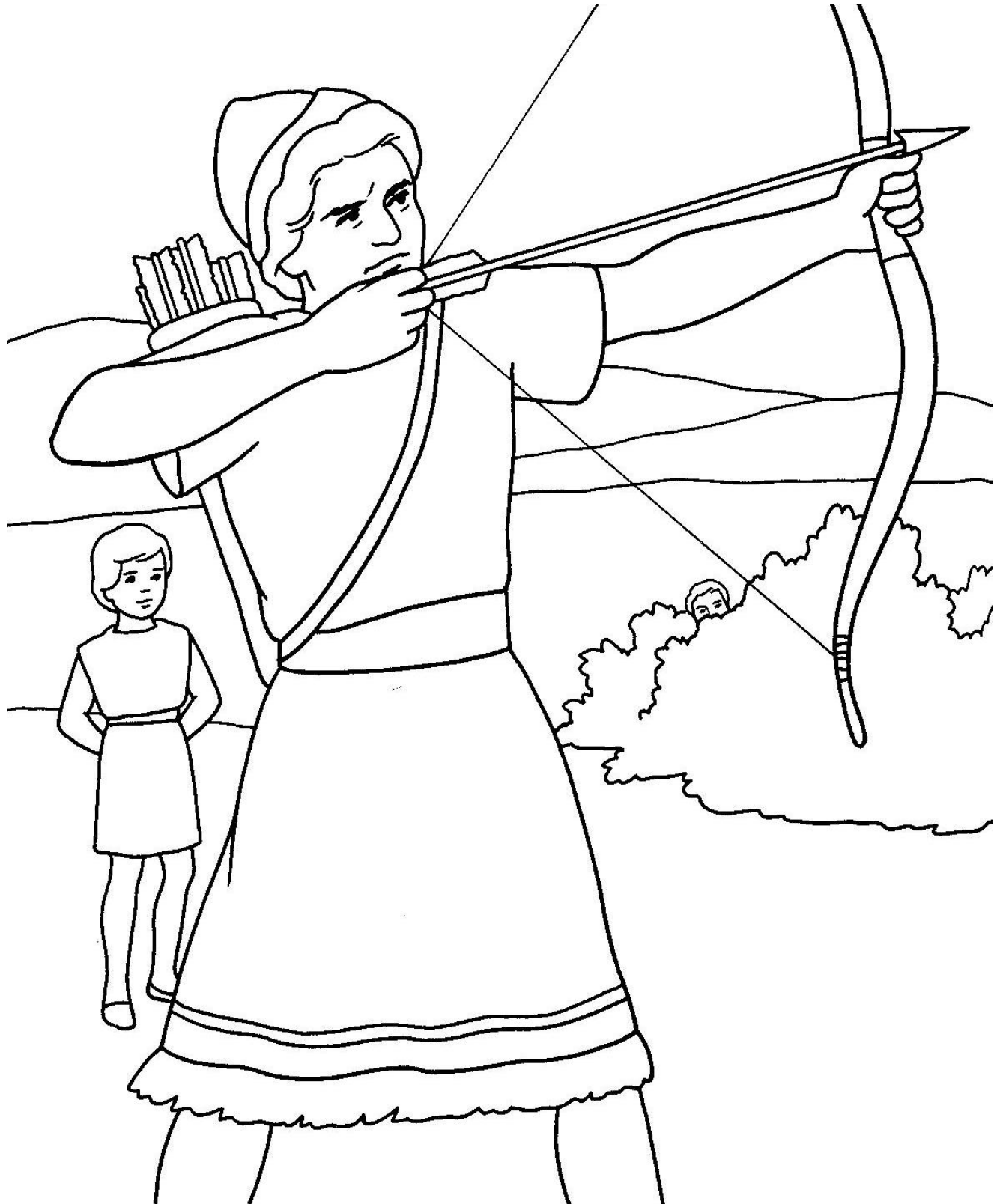
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Jonathan shoots his arrows beyond the small boy which tells David he is in danger

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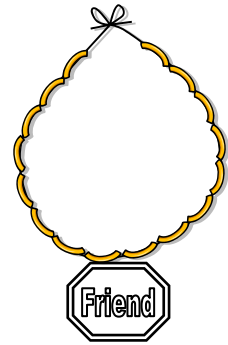
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: FRIENDSHIP NECKLACES

Students will make friendship necklaces to give to a friend to remind them of the strong friendship that David and Jonathan had.

MATERIALS

1. String or Yarn
2. Fruit Ring Cereal
3. Tape
4. Bowls
5. Medallion Pattern
6. 67 lb. Cardstock
7. Scissors
8. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
9. Hole Punch



DIRECTIONS

1. Before the students arrive, cut 18” pieces of string or yarn. Wrap a small piece of tape around one end to make it stiff enough string the cereal.
2. Pass out bowls of fruit ring cereal to small groups of students.
3. Allow students to string the cereal on the string or yarn.
4. About halfway through, have students color and string the “friend” medallion onto the necklace.
5. Tie the two ends together.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their friendship necklaces, remind them that Jonathan and David were close friends. Have students share about friends that are close to them. Encourage them to share the attributes their good friends and give them ideas on how they can become better friends. Students may choose to give their necklaces to a friend of theirs.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 15 minutes

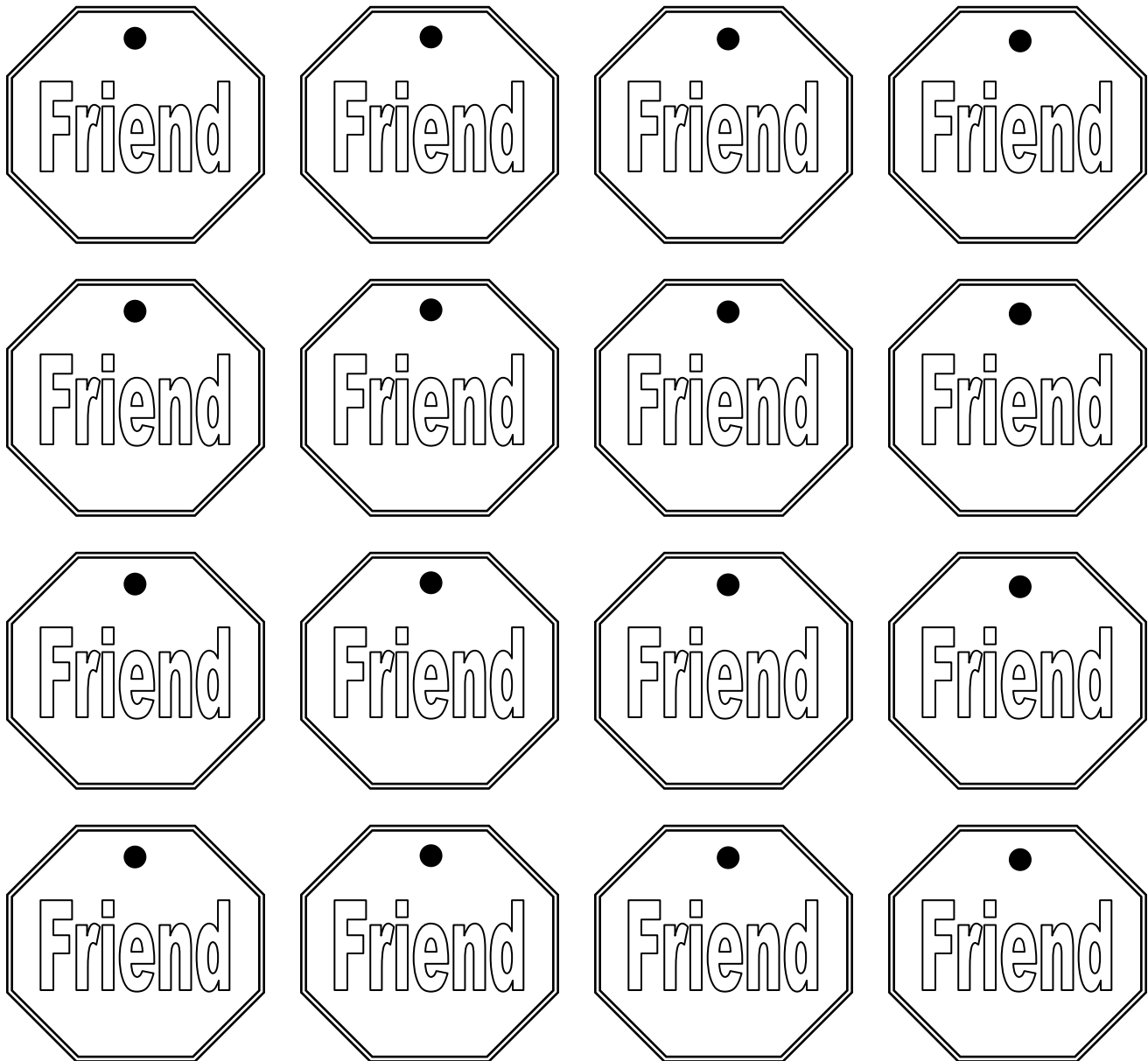
MEMORY VERSE

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MEDALLION PATTERN

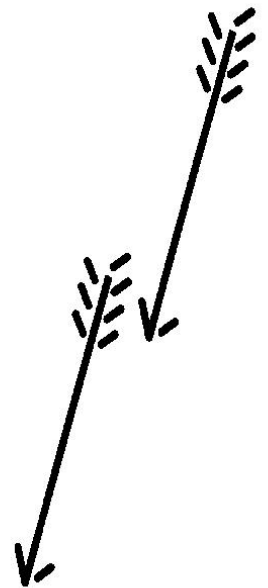
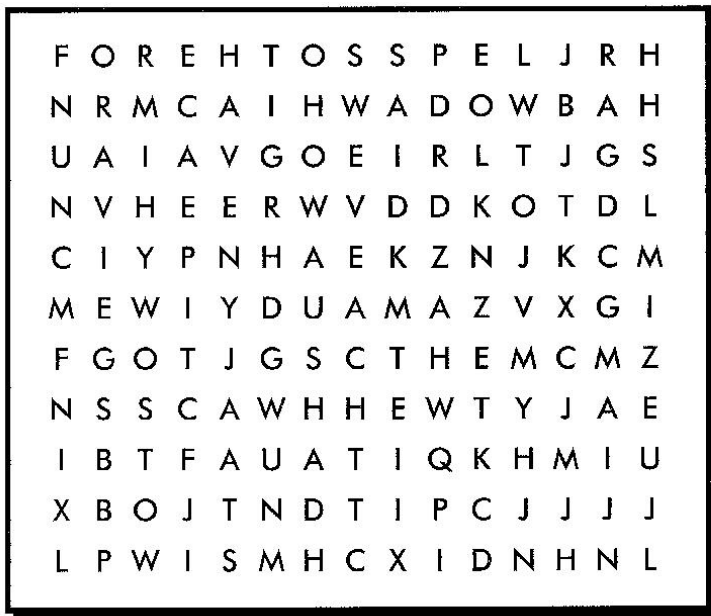


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Find each word of the Bible verse in the word search puzzle. Then try to write the verse in correct order on the lines below. Some words are already filled in. You will discover what made Jonathan and David's friendship so wonderful.

DAVID
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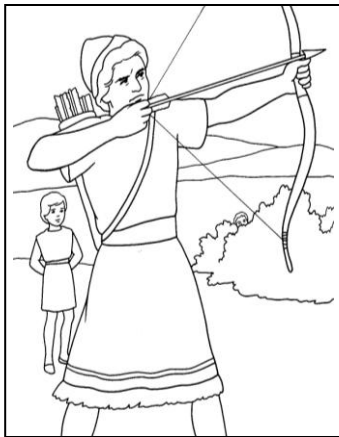
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 20:1-42

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David was seen yesterday running for his life. His friend Jonathan told David not to worry. David asked Jonathan for his help.

David's plan was to hide in a field during the New Moon Festival.

"If your father misses me and is not upset, then I know I am safe, David said to Jonathan. "If your father gets angry, then I'll know he wants to harm me."

Jonathan told David, "Wait by the stone Ezel. I will shoot three arrows. I will send a boy to get the arrows. If I tell the boy, 'The arrows are on the side of you,' then you are safe. If I say to the boy, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you,' then you are in danger."

So David hid in the field. When the celebration began, Saul noticed that David was missing. Saul was angry. Saul wanted David to die.

Jonathan got up from the table. He was upset with his father for wanting to kill David.

When Jonathan shot the arrows, David knew that his life was in danger. When the boy left, Jonathan went to David. They cried together. David knew he had to leave or he would die. Jonathan was a good friend to David.

To find out more details about this story, read 1 Samuel 20:1-42 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was David worried about?
2. How did Jonathan help his friend David?
3. What did Saul want to do to David?
4. Why do you think Jonathan and David cried?

MEMORY VERSE

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Proverbs 18:24

WORD SCRAMBLE

JONATHAN	DAVID	ARROWS
FRIEND	DANGER	SAUL

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SWORRA _____

DDVIA _____

ERGNDA _____

DFREIN _____

NJAONAHT _____

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how Jonathan was a good friend to David.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss ways in which you treat your friends. Remind your child that Jesus is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Bible Story Mini Book

Jonathan Warns David

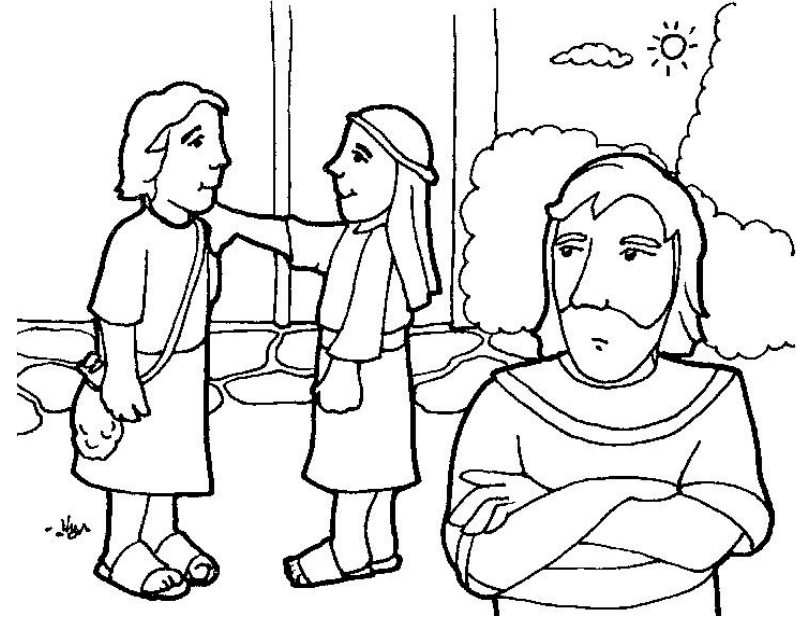


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David waved good-bye
and left that place.
Jonathan was a good
friend to David.



David and Jonathan were
friends. Jonathan's
father, Saul, hated David.

Memory Verse

“...there is a friend who sticks
closer than a brother.”

Proverbs 18:24

Bible Story Rhyme

David, David! Run away,
(Run in place)

Saul is after you today.
(Point to a child)

I will always be your friend,
(Lock pointer fingers together)

Said a man named Jonathan.
(Point to mouth)



Jonathan had David meet
him in a field to warn him
that his father might try
to hurt him.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



David and Jonathan hugged because they knew they might not see each other again.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A medium-sized lightweight ball or balloon for every two children and a basket or a large box

**Kids will stick closer than brothers as
Jonathan and David in this fun partner game.**

Assign each child a partner, naming one partner in each pair Jonathan and one partner David. Have the partners in each pair stand back to back with a ball or balloon between them. They must walk the length of the room and drop the ball or balloon into the basket or box. If another pair is already at the box, the pair must stand and wait without dropping the balloon or ball. Children can switch partners if they want to continue playing.

Give partners in each pair high fives, and say: **You worked together just like Jonathan and David did. It sure is nice to have a friend to stick with.**

Younger preschoolers will be challenged by holding the balls with their partners using their hands. Older kids may want to try using elbows, wrists, tummies, or heads!

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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