



WEEK
TWO
NOVEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. SHARE AND CARE FRIENDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Share and Care Friends" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, safety scissors, heart stamps, washable ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Share and Care Friends" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each child's paper. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to color their picture. Encourage children to cut on the dashed lines and fold the flaps over to cover the pictures. Stamp a heart on each of the flaps. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We heard a great story about friends today. Thank You, God, for giving us friends."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper is a picture of David and Jonathan. They were good friends. Look, there are the special gifts that Jonathan gave David. Color the pictures. (Pause.) Great job! Do you see the dotted lines on the side of your paper? Take the scissors and cut only on the dotted lines. (Help as needed.) Great! Now fold those flaps over. (Pause.) And add a heart stamp to each of those flaps. (Pause.) Super-duper! Let's use your pictures as we review the story."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "David and Jonathan were good friends. Jonathan loved his friend David, and David loved his friend Jonathan. They were so thankful that God gave them each other. David and Jonathan did all the things friends do. They talked to each other, encouraged each other, helped each other, and Jonathan even gave David some of his special things to show his friendship. Jonathan gave David his robe, his sword, his bow, and his belt. What a good friend! God gives us good friends too! We can play, share with, help, and encourage our friends too! And we can thank God for our friends because we can thank God for everything. **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.**"

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God for friends.

DAVID AND JONATHAN
1 SAMUEL 18:1-4

MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."

EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank for everything?

BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God for everything.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. Jonathan was thankful for his friend David. We can thank God for friends too. When I say your name, tell me the name of one of your friends, and I'll write it in our prayer journal." *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all of these good friends! *(Hold up journal.)* Let's thank God for them! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

MEMORY VERSE

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"Dear God, thank You for my friends *(say each child's name)*. I love going to church with them! Thank You for their friends. *(Read the list the children made.)* Please help us talk to, cheer for, and help our friends like David and Jonathan did. And most of all, thank You for Jesus who wants to be our friend forever! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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