



Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2020, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: We're Going to Be Friends (David and Jonathan) • *1 Samuel 20*
(supporting: *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*)

Today's Bottom Line: Friends love one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.*
Proverbs 17:17 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

- Gather your kiddos together and watch The Heights Kids Show.
- After you watch the video, I encourage you to do the following life group activities as a family.
- Family life group time tips: 1. Be relaxed and have fun with your kids. 2. The goal is to grow closer to God and to each other. You do not need to complete every activity. 3. Consider letting your kiddos play with blocks or color while watching the video. Many kids are able to focus better when they have something to do with their hands. 😊
- Attached below is a printable activity for your family to enjoy together.

Friendship Tower

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: 24 Jenga® style blocks and chalk or markers

What You Do:

- Using nine blocks, create the base of the game on a flat surface.
 - Stack the blocks in sets of three until you have built a tower that is three layers of blocks high.
 - Each new layer of three parallel blocks should be rotated 90° along the horizontal axis.
- Place the unused blocks in the center of your small group space.
- Ask the kids to share ways they can show love to their friends. Make sure they include ideas from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

- Suggestions include: forgiving each other, praying for them, sharing God's love, sharing encouraging words, supporting them through difficult times, standing up for them, keeping promises, sharing time and toys, including them in things you do, not being jealous of them, being patient
- As the kids share their ideas, instruct them to pick up one of the unused blocks and a piece of chalk/marker. They write one word that represents their idea.
- Finish assembling the game when all the unused blocks have something written on them.
- End by playing Jenga® together.
- Encourage kids to work together to make the game last as long as possible.

What You Say:

"Love is an action. When we choose to encourage, share, support, forgive, and keep our promises, it brings us closer as friends. Loving a friend means you DO something for that friend. **[Make It Personal]** (Talk about a time you and a friend became closer by one of you doing something for the other. Maybe a friend helped you move, or you took care of a friend's dog when they were out of town.) **[Bottom Line]** Friends love one another. (Hold up a few of the blocks with loving ideas written on them.) Make sure you put one of these ideas into action this week."

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Reflect: An activity that creates space for personal processing and application

What You Need: Blocks with "loving ideas" written on them from Activity #2

What You Do:

- Place the blocks in the center.
- Ask the kids to gather around, grab one of the blocks, and silently read it.
- When everyone is ready, open in prayer and encourage the kids to take turns saying what their block has written on it.
 - For example: "Lord, today we ask for Your help to be godly and loving friends to our friends, just like David and Jonathan were to each other. Help us to *(pause and encourage the kids to take turns reading their block)*. Help us know how to best love our friends. Amen!"

What You Say:

"A powerful way to show love to your friends is to regularly ask God to help you be a good friend to them. Be sure to pray this week for opportunities to show love to your friends in the ways you wrote on these blocks. **[Bottom Line]** Friends love one another."

As adults arrive to pick up the kids, ask the kids to show them the airplane and tell them about how Jonathan kept David safe by sending a secret message using arrows.