



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.

Pom Pom Buddies

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

What You Need: Pom poms, googly eyes, white school glue, foam heart stickers, small envelopes or paper, clear tape

What You Do:

- Kids will make two pom pom buddies—one to keep and one to give away.
- Help kids apply two glue dots to the large pom pom then stick the googly eyes on the glue.

- For younger kids, you may want to do this step for them.
- Instruct kids to glue a mini pom pom as the nose underneath the two eyes.
- Then, they place a foam heart sticker on the bottom of the pom pom for the feet.
- Repeat for the second large pom pom.
- If kids finish quickly, encourage them to decorate an envelope with crayons and markers or fold the copy paper to make a little house for their pom pom buddy.
- They can secure everything with tape.
- As they're working, ask the kids to think of one friend to give a pom pom buddy to and how they could show love to that friend this week.

What You Say:

"These pom pom buddies are so cute! I want you to pick a friend and give one of your pom pom buddies away. What is one way you can show love to that friend this week? *(Pause for responses.)* Once you've followed through, give your pom pom buddy to your friend. You can keep the other as a reminder that **[Bottom Line] friends love one another.**"

A Friend Loves at ALL Times

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Paper and markers

What You Do:

- Write the words of the verse on the pieces of paper, broken down as follows for *NIRV*:
 - A friend/ loves/ at all/ times./ They/ are/ there/ to help/ when/ trouble/ comes./ Proverbs 17:17
- Lay the pages on the floor of your group's area like the numbers of a clock, starting with the first page as one o'clock.
- Select one kid to stand in the center of the pages and hold out his arm like one arm of the clock.
- Encourage the kid in the center to start with one o'clock (A) and point to each word of the verse as they "click" around the clock face. The kids say the words of the verse together.
- Repeat with each kid in the center.

What You Say:

"These pages sort of look like a clock face! Why? Because a friend loves at ALL times. Does a friend love at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday when they just woke up? *(Pause.)* Does a friend love at 1:00 p.m. when they don't get their way? *(Pause.)* Yes! Because **[Bottom Line] friends love one another** at all times! I'm so thankful for examples of good friends like David and Jonathan. And of course, the best friend of all is JESUS! He loves us when we mess up, when we're happy, when we're frustrated, and even when we say something unkind. Because Jesus loves us at all times, we can love others, too!"

Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Pom pom buddies

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to hold their pom pom buddies as they think about the friend they've chosen, then spend a moment praying that God would help them show love to that friend this week.
- Remind the kids to follow through, to show love, and to give one pom pom buddy away.
- Close the group in prayer.

What You Say:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that friends love at all times! Thank You for sending Jesus, the best friend ever. Help us be kind and patient and put others first because **[Bottom Line] friends love one another**. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their pom pom buddies and give one away this week because **[Bottom Line] friends love one another**.

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction (15 Minutes)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. Early Arriver

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

- An offering container
- A die

2. Opening Activity

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

- Sticker name tags; one for each kid
Note: Your church may provide name tags with your check-in system, and you can certainly use those. But it would be ideal if the kids had name tags that are large enough for all the kids to read them from a few feet away.
- A marker
- A playground ball

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (25 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.*

1. Hidden Pictures

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

- Print two sets of the "David and Jonathan Story Pictures" Activity Pages onto two different colors of paper for each group; one color for each set
- Scissors

***2. Pom Pom Buddies**

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- One-inch pom poms; two for each kid
- Mini pom poms (ideally a different color than the one-inch); two for each kid
- White school glue
- Googly eyes; four for each kid
- Heart foam stickers; two for each kid
- A small envelope or a piece of paper; one for each kid

- Clear tape
- Crayons or markers

3. A Friend Loves at ALL Times

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

- Colored paper; 12 pieces for each group
- Markers

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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

- Pom pom buddies from the “Pom Pom Buddies” Activity

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week’s GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.