

JONATHAN WARNS DAVID

1 SAMUEL 18:1-5, 18:10-12, 19:1-3, 20:31-33, 20:35-38

LEARN THE WORD

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- David and Jonathan (Saul's son) became good friends who both followed God.
- King Saul became jealous of David's success and tried to kill him many times, but Jonathan warned David when he needed to flee from Saul.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your Christian friend starts hanging around popular non-Christian kids and gossiping and putting down others to fit in with them.

What could you say?

I've noticed that you've changed since you started hanging out with your new friends. The Bible tells us that our friends are important because they influence us for good or evil. If you have to sin to be accepted, then they aren't really your friends. True friends will encourage you to do what's right and follow God. I hope you'll have the courage to do what's right when you're around them or find other friends who won't bring you down.

Activity: We need to be careful to choose good friends and to be a good friend. But what makes a person a good friend? To find out, use the code to fill in the missing vowels for each arrow.

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K _ nd





C _ r _ ng





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Answers: honest, trustworthy, kind, caring, forgiving, loyal

HOMEWORD

FOR PARENTS

After defeating Goliath, David did not return home but remained in Saul’s service. He and Jonathan, Saul’s son, began a long-lasting friendship (1 Samuel 18:1-4). Their covenant friendship demonstrated true, selfless love. Jonathan gave David his robe, armor, and weapons, which were symbols of his princely status. While David and Jonathan’s friendship grew, so did Saul’s jealousy of David. In whatever David did, God gave him success. But Saul’s jealousy turned to violence when he tried to kill David with a spear (1 Samuel 18:10-11). After this, Jonathan warned David to hide and spoke to his father to convince him to spare David’s life. Saul listened to his plea and promised he would not kill David (1 Samuel 19:1-7). However, this promise didn’t last long. After another spear-throwing attempt on David’s life, David escaped from his house with his wife’s help and fled.

David eventually met up with Jonathan and came up with a plan to tell if Saul was still determined to kill him. Jonathan would then report Saul’s response to David. When Saul noticed David’s absence at a meal and Jonathan told him David had gone to Bethlehem, Saul was furious and threw a spear at Jonathan, making it clear he still wanted to kill David (1 Samuel 20:27-33).

Jonathan then had to warn his friend. He took his bow and arrows and a boy to the field where David was hiding. As he shot the arrows and called to the boy that the arrows were beyond him, he was actually warning David to flee. Jonathan sent the unsuspecting boy back to the city so David came out from hiding. The friends wept, renewed the promise of their friendship, and parted ways (1 Samuel 20:41-42). Jonathan chose to be loyal to David over his father, Saul, who was sinning by seeking to kill an innocent man out of jealousy.