

Lesson 9

Protect Your Friends

Teacher's One Sheet

BIBLE LESSON: I Samuel 18:1-15; 19:1-7

MEMORY VERSE: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

CHALLENGE MEMORY VERSE: Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

CATECHISM:

The Tenth Commandment: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not estrange or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants, or cattle, but seek to have them remain and discharge their duty to him.

LESSON OBJECTIVES: The student will know:

- God desires contentment, not coveting.
- God wants us to look out for others and protect what God has given them.
- Jesus died to protect us from the punishment for sin.

MATERIALS: Lessons, activity sheets

LESSON OVERVIEW: The unselfish devotion of Jonathan and David is one of the most touching stories in the Bible. Jonathan was devoted to David even though he knew David was God's choice to be the next king of Israel. Jonathan was heir to the throne but was willing to step aside for David. Jonathan made a covenant with David, giving him his own robe and armor. Although King Saul tried to kill David, Jonathan helped him. The Lord was with David. Jonathan, a true friend, was content.

Jesus is the ultimate example of a friend looking out for the interests of others. Jesus is the greatest friend we can ever have.

- POSSIBLE QUESTIONS: How do you make a friend? Have you ever been happy for a friend when something good happened to them? Did David ever give King Saul a reason to hate him? Does God want us to care about the interests of others? Why?

ACTIVITY 1: When, Who, What, Why, Where, What, Why, How

ACTIVITY 2: Word Find and fill in the blank: first, His, things, you, 6, 33

TEACHER PREPARATION

Prepare to Teach

- ☑ Read I Samuel 18-20
- ☑ Study the lesson several times this week.
- ☑ Consider the friends who have had an impact on you throughout your life, with a special emphasis on the early elementary years, when you were the age of your students.

Prepare Materials

- ☑ Lessons, Activity sheets
- ☑ Have memory verse(s) written on the board

Hymns and Songs

FILL IN HERE

Prayer Preparation

- Pray that God will give your students understanding as they learn God's truth.
- Pray for wisdom and understanding as a teacher.

Bible Background

I Samuel 18:1-15; 19:1-7 Jonathan Protects His Friend

What is true friendship? How does it begin? Friendship is important to each of us. God created us for friendship with Himself and others. We can enjoy fellowship when things are right with God and other people.

The Bible defines friendship in I Samuel 18:1 where it says "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself". They were bound together, inseparable. The friendship of David and Jonathan was a covenant relationship that was stressed throughout the story. In some ways it was an unusual friendship, since they came from very different backgrounds. Jonathan was a prince, the oldest son of the king of Israel, while David was the youngest of many sons, who worked hard for his family as a shepherd. They had something in common, though. David was a man after God's heart. Jonathan was also a man of faith. He asked God to guide him in battle and followed through with God's guidance in battle. Moreover when Jonathan's father, King Saul, turned against David, Jonathan defended David (I Samuel 20:22-23). Jonathan did what was right, protecting David even though it was against his own interests. Although Saul was jealous of David, Jonathan was not.

Jonathan was a faithful intercessor. Jonathan's friendship revealed itself in action. He made a covenant with him sealing it with his robe and armor. Jonathan warned David and interceded on David's behalf with his father.

Learn the New Words

It is okay to explain the new words in the beginning or as you encounter them.

own interests: things that matter to a person

interests of others: Things important to other people that may not matter much to someone else

protect: To keep safe, to actively do something to make another person safe

Saul: a disobedient king who wanted his own way more than what God wanted

David: a shepherd boy, musician, and warrior who loved God more than anything. A man after God's heart.

Jonathan: David's friend. Who trusted God's plan to make David Israel's king

jealous vs. content: Always wanting more or wanting your own way instead of trusting whatever God wants to be the best.

BEGINNING YOUR CLASS HOUR

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Greet the children as they arrive. Ask them to think about their friends. What makes a person a friend?

Open the class with prayer, praying for each child by name, if you like.

SHARING: Ask the students How do you make a friend?

Read the Memory Verse

Remember the appendix of ways to teach memorization of the verse. Read it clearly, "But

seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. *Matthew 6:33*" Be sure to read it together aloud. Remind the children you'll repeat the verse again at the end.

Review the Recent Lessons

Remember we have been learning about the Tenth Commandment. See if the students can remember something from the story in the last lesson.

TEACHING TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

Introduce the Lesson

Today we will learn about David in the Bible. Do you remember who David is? David had a very good friend named Jonathan. Jonathan was the King's son, but God wanted David to be king. That could have turned them into enemies, but it did not. They stayed the best of friends.

Read the Lesson

Teacher read the opening paragraph. If in the sharing time you have talked about how they became friends with someone, that may not be needed here. Have you ever been happy for a friend when something good happened to them? Sometimes the joy on someone's face can make us joyful too.

King Saul wasn't David's friend. People sang songs about David's great victories in battles. King Saul hated David because he was jealous of him. Jonathan was not jealous of David. Jonathan loved his friend, David. Jonathan trusted God. Jonathan was happy with David being the next king.

Read the second paragraph. **ASK:** Did David ever give King Saul a reason to hate him? No, he tried to protect himself when King Saul tried to hurt him, but David did not fight against King Saul, because he knew better that to harm the man who was king. Jonathan protected David from his father. Jonathan was happy for God's plan for David to be king. Jonathan even gave his robe and his armor to David. In the Tenth Commandment, God tells us to look out for the interests of other people, like Jonathan did for David. God wants us to

pay attention to what other people need and not just what we want. We can do that by protecting our friends like Jonathan protected David.

interests of other people. The Bible says Jesus laid down His life for His friends. Jesus did that when He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

Read the last paragraph. **SAY:** Jesus is the best example of a friend looking out for the

Repeat the Memory Verse

APPLYING THE BIBLE LESSON

Do the Activities Together

The activity worksheets for this section are printed in the student books.

WWWWWH?

Activity 1

Write Who, What, Where, When, Why or How for each question.

Word Find

Activity 2

Find the words and fill in the blanks.

Activity 1
WWWWWH?

Read each question below. Then write Who, What, Where, When, Why, or How on the blank lines, using matching colors for your answers.

WHEN was it?

WHO are the main characters?

WHERE did it take place?

WHAT happened?

WHY did it happen?

HOW did it happen?

_____ when _____ 1. A long time ago.

_____ who _____ 2. Saul, David, and Jonathan.

_____ what _____ 3. Saul disobeyed God and tried to kill David.

_____ why _____ 4. Because Saul was jealous of David and did not want him to be king.

_____ where _____ 5. In Israel.

_____ what _____ 6. Jonathan protected David from his father.

_____ why _____ 7. Because Jonathan trusted God and was David's friend.

_____ how _____ 8. By doing everything Jonathan could to make sure David got to be king.

Activity 2
WORD FIND

Circle the 13 hidden words found in your lesson.

U J O F H J R Y G P A
S D T R G O I Z E T E
A A E I F N N O A W P
U V N E X A G O L D R
L I T N X T Y V O M O
V D H D B H F E U E T
G W A N T A J T S E E
C H E L P N K E D D C
C O M M A N D M E N T

commandment
covet
help
protect
king
Jonathan
David
teeth
jealous
Saul
friend
want
need

Write what is missing from your memory verse. Say the verse three times.

"But seek _____ first _____ His kingdom and _____ His
righteousness, and all these _____ things _____ will be added to
_____ you _____." Matthew 6 : 33

CLOSING YOUR CLASS HOUR

Closing Prayer

Ask about prayer requests. Allow students to pray if they choose. Allow time for silent prayer. Encourage students to bow their heads and close their eyes.