

# TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of 1 Samuel, there were two friends named David and Jonathan who loved each other very much. David was a mighty warrior who defeated the giant Goliath. Everyone loved David except for one person. King Saul didn't like David because the people loved David more than him. That made King Saul very mad at David. One day, David said to his friend, Jonathan, "What have I done wrong? Why does your father, King Saul, want to hurt me?"

Jonathan loved David as much as he loved himself. Jonathan said to David, "My father isn't going to hurt you. If he was, he would have told me." But David was still afraid, so Jonathan came up with a plan. He said, "I'll find out if my father is angry with you. There's a big stone in the field. In a few days, go hide behind it. I'll shoot 3 arrows to the side of the stone, then I'll send my helper to get the arrows. If I tell my helper, 'The arrows are to the side of you,' that means you're safe and you can come back home. But if I tell my helper, 'The arrows are far past you,' that means my father wants to hurt you and you should run away."

For the next two days, King Saul threw a big party. When David didn't show up to the party, King Saul got very mad. He yelled at Jonathan, "You evil son! I know you're helping David! Send someone to get David, he must die!" Jonathan was so sad. Now he knew for sure that his dad wanted to hurt his friend, David.

The next morning, Jonathan went out to the field and shot 3 arrows. After he shot the arrows, Jonathan yelled to his helper, "The arrows are far past you." When David heard those words, he knew that King Saul wanted to hurt him. When the helper had left, David and Jonathan hugged each other and cried. Jonathan said to David, "I promise to be your friend forever." Then David ran away so King Saul couldn't hurt him.

**THE BIG IDEA:** GOD GIVES ME FRIENDS WHO LOVE.  
**BIBLE BASIS:** 1 SAMUEL 20

## ACTIVITY: JUNE 14, 2020

**FRIENDS WHO LOVE** (Response to God Activity)

**Supplies:** GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

**Question:** What was your favorite part of today's story? Why did you like that part?

**Directions:** Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw and decorate a heart. While the children are drawing, have them tell about a friend who loves them. Ask them what their friend does to show them love.

**Say:** God gave David a friend who loved him. He gives us friends who love us too! Let's say a prayer and thank God for giving us the friends we talked about.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for the friends that were mentioned.

**WHAT'S THE  
BIG IDEA?**

