

Jonathan Warns David

1 Samuel 20

The Friendship of David and Jonathan



David, a shepherd, and Jonathan, King Saul's son, were close friends. Their friendship began soon after David killed Goliath. Their faith in God guided their lives. Although Jonathan was the king's son and heir to the throne, the people of Israel considered David to be a hero and wanted him to be their next king. When King Saul became jealous of David's popularity with the people, he threatened to kill David. Jonathan courageously defended his friend, even though it meant opposing his father, endangering his own life, and losing the crown. First Samuel 20 tells their story. To review the account, match each of the following questions with the letter of its answer from the column on the right. Note: you will not use all of the items found in the right-hand column.

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| <p>_____ 1. What did King Saul expect David to attend (1 Samuel 20:24–27)?</p> <p>_____ 2. How did King Saul show anger to Jonathan when he defended David (1 Samuel 20:28–33)?</p> <p>_____ 3. How did Jonathan send a warning message to his friend (1 Samuel 20:18–23; 34–40)?</p> <p>_____ 4. What did David and Jonathan promise each other in their farewell (1 Samuel 20:41–42)?</p> | <p>a. He shot arrows according to a prearranged signal.</p> <p>b. To never give up on Saul.</p> <p>c. To remain friends and care for each other's families.</p> <p>d. He tied a red ribbon to the shade of his window.</p> <p>e. Jonathan's birthday party.</p> <p>f. He threatened to disown him.</p> <p>g. He threw a spear at him.</p> <p>h. The new moon festival.</p> |
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REVIEW

Friend _____

Friendship _____

What Are My Qualities as a Friend?

What kind of a friend are you? What gifts has God given you to be a person who cares about your classmates? To find out, ask your classmates to write the gifts you show in the body shape. You will need to exchange your books with classmates to complete this activity.

friendly
caring
musical
smiley
happy
good student



athletic
creative
writer
singer
artist
funny

How Can I Be a Friend to Others?

Name people you know who need a friend. Fill in each box with the name of a new friend and an idea about how to begin being a friend.

REMEMBER

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)