



## FRIENDSHIP

This term our Collective Worship focus will be based on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.



### READ TOGETHER

Sometimes Saul was sad, and he liked to hear music played on a harp. Sometimes he liked to hear people sing good songs. It made him feel better. Saul knew that David could sing and play the harp. King Saul invited David to come to the palace sometimes and play and sing for him. When David was at the palace, he often saw Saul's oldest son, Jonathan. David and Jonathan became very good friends. They made a promise to each other that they would always be friends no matter what happened. Jonathan wanted to show David that he loved him as a friend. He gave David his tunic and the robe that he was wearing. He also gave him other gifts. He gave David his belt and sword; He even gave him his bow and arrows. It made Jonathan happy to give gifts to his friend. Everyone seemed to like David. Everyone talked about how brave David was. The women even sang songs about brave David. Jonathan was glad that people liked David. When good things happened to David, Jonathan was happy for his friend.

But Jonathan's father, King Saul, was not happy for David. Sometimes, when David played his harp for Saul, Saul started thinking about all of the good things that happened to David. He started thinking that the people might like David better than their own king! Saul became very jealous. The Bible says that Saul had a "jealous eye". That meant that Saul always watched David and wished for the things that David had. Saul was jealous that the people and Jonathan liked David. Soon, everything that Saul saw about David made him jealous.

One day Saul got so angry that he threw a spear at David. David was able to get out of the way just in time. David ran away. When Jonathan heard about what happened to his friend he quickly went to talk to David.

"Don't worry, David," said Jonathan. "I will talk to my father. I'm sure he will be sorry for what he did!"

Jonathan talked to King Saul about David. Jonathan reminded Saul that David was a good man and that he loved God very much. Saul told Jonathan he was sorry for what he had done. He said that he would not do it again.

But Saul did do it again. Later, he tried to kill David with his spear again. David was able to jump out of the way.

When Jonathan heard about what his father had done to David he was very sad. He told David to hide while he talked to his father again. David hid by some stones.

"Stay hidden by the stones," said Jonathan. "After I talk to my father I will come back to this place and shoot some arrows. Listen carefully, if you hear me tell my helper that the arrows are far away then you will know that you are in danger from Saul. That will be my special signal to you."

Jonathan went to find his father. When Jonathan talked to Saul about David, Saul became very angry. He did not like David. In fact, he hated David. He even ordered some men to try to find David and kill him. Jonathan tried to take up for his friend. When Jonathan said that David was good, Saul became really angry. He was so angry that he even threw a spear at his own son, Jonathan.

Jonathan was very sad. He was sorry that his father was so jealous and mean. He knew he had to give a message to David so that David could run away and be safe. Jonathan took his bow and arrows out to the field and shot an arrow far away. The helper who was with him ran to find the arrow. Jonathan yelled to him to go very far to find it.

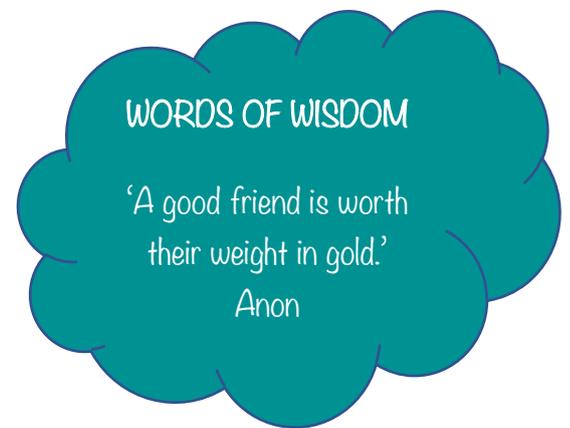
Later, when the boy had gone back to the palace, David came out of his hiding place to talk to Jonathan. They were both very sad and they both cried. David knew he had to leave his friend.

"Just remember, Jonathan, we will always be friends," said David.

"Yes, I will always remember you," answered Jonathan.

## FACINATING FACTS

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special friend. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until it breaks and falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your friend put in to making it. Raksha Bandhan – One special type of friendship bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting friendship.



## Friendship Bracelet

Design and create a friendship bracelet to give to a friend. You may want to use buttons, fabric, threading materials or a paper version. Think about the friend you're making your bracelet for. What makes them a good friend to you? How are you a good friend in return?

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