

# City LG - November 9-10, 2019

**Bible Story:** You've Got a Friend (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 18:1-11; 19:1-7; 20:1-42

**Bottom Line:** Honor others by putting them first.

**Memory Verse:** *Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.* Romans 12:10 (NIRV)

**CG: Countdown Video**

## WORSHIP: "Zeal" and "Not the Same"

*Worship Leader prays...*

"Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) We're continuing God's Big Story with another great example of honor. I thought today we could turn today's story into a workout. What do you think? Can we do it? (*Pause for responses.*) Great!

"Let's practice. Let me see some jumping jacks! Go!"

*Lead the kids in jumping jacks. Then sit down to model what you want the kids to do.*

"Great job! I think you're ready!"

"All right. Let's get into the story. Last week we talked about a young man named David—the future king of Israel. God had chosen David to be king after King Saul. In fact, David was called 'a man after God's own heart.'

"But it would be a while before David would be crowned king. For now, it was still Saul.

"David won a great battle for God's people by slinging a rock at the giant Goliath. Show me your Goliath toss!"

*Make a motion like you're slinging rocks at a giant, like it's a workout move.*

"We're throwing! We're throwing! Now, switch hands! We've got this!"

"All right! So, as I was saying, David defeated Goliath, and then he served King Saul by doing everything Saul asked him to. David became best friends with Saul's son, Jonathan."

"Jonathan was next in line to be king. He must have known that the people would want David to be king, because David had been so successful in battle. But instead of being jealous, Jonathan put David first. He gave him his robe, belt, sword, bow, and arrows.

"Okay! Let's hand over the gifts.

*Make a motion like you're giving something to someone with both hands.*

"Let's give David a robe. Give David a belt. Give David a sword. Give David a bow. And give David some arrows. Keep it going!"

"David continued to do well leading the army into battle. King Saul got so jealous that he tried to hurt David by throwing a spear at him. Yikes! Later, Saul told Jonathan and his servants to KILL David.

“Jonathan told David to hide while he tried to talk to his father. Saul agreed not to put David to death. But then Saul went back on his word, and he tried to kill David again! This time, Saul sent other men to try to kill him.

“David was supposed to go to a feast with Saul, but he and Jonathan were having trouble knowing if they could trust Saul. So they came up with a plan. We’ll stop right there, and let our Bible Story video finish the rest. Watch this!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)**

“David left the city to hide, while Jonathan went home to King Saul.

“In the end, Jonathan had kept David safe. He protected David like a good friend, instead of being jealous of him. He was happy that David would get to be the next king—even though that was something Jonathan COULD have wanted for himself.

“Jonathan trusted God. He chose to put his friend first. That’s what honor looks like!

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“We **[Bottom Line] honor others by putting them first.**

“It can be tempting to think only about ourselves and what’s best for us. But if we’re going to treat others the way we want to be treated, then we’ve got to put others first. Let’s pray.”

**Pray:** “Dear God, thank You for giving Jonathan the courage to put David first. He honored David instead of thinking about himself. Please help us to think about what others need and then find a way to help them. Help us to **[Bottom Line] honor others by putting them first.** We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“We can show other people they matter by putting them first. That means putting what THEY want ahead of what WE want . . . or maybe even giving up something we thinking we deserve.

“Remember this.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Honor others by putting them first.**

“Let’s give it a shot! This week, let’s **[Bottom Line] honor others by putting them first.** Hold the door for someone instead of trying to go inside first. Help your neighbor learn how to ride her bike. You could even share your video games with your little brother!

“I’m sure you have some great ideas of how you can put others first. Let’s worship God now with our offering, and then we’ll talk some more about putting others first in your small groups!”

**CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*