

## City LG—July 17th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Have a Little Faith in Me (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 18-20; 2 Samuel 9 (2 Samuel 4:4)

**Today's Bottom Line:** Be faithful so others can count on you.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6 (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

### **WORSHIP: Unshakeable and Standing in Your Light**

“Hello, everyone! We’ve been looking at lots of different ways that we can make waves and change the world around us. An important way we can do that is by showing faithfulness—or being faithful. Before we make too big of a wave today, I want to ask you a Question that you’ll discuss together in your Small Groups...

**SLIDE: Question (What do you think makes a good friend?)**

That’s a great Question! 3 minutes on the clock! Talk it out with your Groups!

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

“Great job everyone. Today we are learning about Faithfulness. Faithfulness means that we keep our promises. We do what we’ve said we’ll do. We stand by our friends, and we show them they can depend on us, no matter what. If we could learn to be faithful friends, with God’s help, then I bet we’d really make waves in our relationships with other people. Don’t you think so? *(Pause for response.)* I do, too!

*(Hold up Bible.)* “Today, I’m here to tell you about two faithful friends: Jonathan and David. Jonathan was the son of King Saul. And David was really just an ordinary young man from Bethlehem—the youngest of eight brothers. But there was this very interesting thing that had happened to David.

“Years before, God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem to choose a new king. While Samuel was there, God told him to anoint David as the next king. Although David didn’t become king right away. David went on to defeat the giant Goliath, and the Israelites defeated the Philistines.

“King Saul was so impressed that he invited David to live in the palace and help lead his army. That’s where David and Jonathan met.”

“David and Jonathan became close friends. Jonathan could have been jealous of David, but he wasn’t. He even gave some very special gifts to honor his friend. The gifts that Jonathan gave to David: a robe, a sword, a bow, and a belt.

“King Saul often sent David out with the army. And David was so successful in battle that Saul made him a leader in the army. But the people grew to love David so much that Saul got jealous. Several times, Saul even tried to KILL David. Yikes!

“But Jonathan pleaded with his father not to harm David. Several times, Saul promised not to hurt David . . . but every time, he broke his promise and tried to go after David again.”

“Together, the friends made a plan for David to hide during an important festival. Jonathan would pay attention to the way his dad reacted and see how angry his dad became.

“Jonathan asked David to make him a promise. He said . . .

*Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 20:14-15*

*“Always be kind to me, just as the Lord is. Be kind to me as long as I live. Then I won’t be killed. And never stop being kind to my family.*

“David and Jonathan then carried out their plan. David hid while Jonathan went to the king’s feast. Sure enough, King Saul got VERY angry when he found out that David wasn’t there. Jonathan knew David would never be safe as long as King Saul was alive.

“The next morning, Jonathan shot arrows into the field (*mimic this with your hands*), to let David know that it wasn’t safe for him to come back to the palace. But before David left, he and Jonathan met up and promised to always be friends. David left to find a new hiding place, and Jonathan returned to the palace. Let’s stop right there and allow our Bible Story Video this week to tell the rest of the Story. Let’s watch!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)**

“David was a faithful friend! He cared for Mephibosheth and his family for the rest of their lives . . . just as he had promised his friend Jonathan he would do.

“God can help us to be faithful, too. God can help us follow through and do what we’ve said we’ll do. That way the people around us will know they can count on us—always. Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**[Bottom Line] “Be faithful so others can count on you.**

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

**PRAY:** “Dear God, thank You for being so faithful and true. Thank You also for the faithful friendship between David and Jonathan. It’s so cool to see how David kept his word and took care of Jonathan’s son, Mephibosheth. Through Your Spirit, help us to be faithful friends like David and Jonathan were. Help us keep our promises so others can count on us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“David and Jonathan certainly had a strong, faithful friendship. They stood by each other and looked out for each other. David even kept his promise by taking care of Jonathan’s son, Mephibosheth, years and years later.

“We can choose to live with faithfulness, too. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit to help us. God’s Spirit can help us keep strong, faithful friendships with the people around us.

"It helps me choose faithfulness when I remember how faithful God has been to me. It's like we read in our memory verse for this month, Philippians 1:6.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*"God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. (Philippians 1:6, NIV)*

"It's true—God is always working out GOOD things in our lives!"

**OFFERING:**

"As you may know, all this Summer we are raising money to dig water wells in the Country of Malawi. When you bring your offering in, you are helping many people in Malawi to have clean water to drink and cook with. So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!"

**CG: Malawi Wells Pictures**