

Four's and Three's

October 14, 2018

Basic Truth: God made me.

Key Question: Who gives you good friends?

Bottom Line: God gives me good friends.

Memory Verse: "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible: Good friends comfort each other.

David and Jonathan Say Goodbye • 1 Samuel 20:3-42

Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.

CG: Welcome Slide ("Tell Me Who")

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Ecclesiastes 4:9."

HISTORYTELLER: "Good morning, everyone! It's so good to see you today. I can't wait to sing with you. Now, what do you think we're going to do first? *(Pause.)* You're right! We're going to sing our song. I can't wait! But first, remind me: **Who gives you good friends?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] "God gives me good friends!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes, that's right!"

SFX: "Better Together"

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Who gives you good friends?**"

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] "God gives me good friends!"

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right! [*Bottom Line*] **God gives me good friends!** Remember, our memory verse this month tells us why He gave us such good friends. Are you ready?"

CG: Memory Verse Slide

Let's do it! 'Two (*hold up two fingers*) people (*touch your shoulders*) are better (*raise your arms overhead to form a circle*) than one (*hold up one finger*). They can help (*pound one fist on top of the other*) each other (*touch the person next to you on the shoulder*) in everything they do' (*raise your hands overhead and jump up*), Ecclesiastes 4:9. (*Open your hands like a book.*) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "Two (*hold up two fingers*) people (*touch your shoulders*) are better (*raise your arms overhead to form a circle*) than one (*hold up one finger*). They can help (*pound one fist on top of the other*) each other (*touch the person next to you on the shoulder*) in everything they do' (*raise your hands overhead and jump up*), Ecclesiastes 4:9." (*Open your hands like a book.*) (*Repeat several times.*)

HISTORYTELLER: "That is awesome. Yes, God loves you and me so much and He made good friends for us. Let's sing to celebrate that.

SFX: "Together"

"Wasn't that a fun song? I love that one. Now, **who gives you good friends?**"

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] "God gives me good friends!"

Introductory Sketch**CG: Intro Sketch Video****Bible Truth**

What You Need: A large box or plastic bin containing: "D" and "J" signs from last week, a plastic crown, and the "Stop Sign" from the Activity Pages found on the Website (printed on white cardstock)

HISTORYTELLER: (*Enter with box of props.*) "Hey, friends! Does anyone remember what we talked about last week? (*Pause.*) Go ahead and say it out loud!"

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "Friends!"

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right. We're talking about how [*Bottom Line*] **God gives me good friends**. Can anyone remember the names of the two friends we talked about from the Bible last week? (*Pause.*) I'll give you a hint. Their names start with a 'J' and a 'D.' Go ahead and say the names out loud!"

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "Jonathan and David!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes! Jonathan and David. I need two Small Group Leaders to help me out today. (*Select two small group leaders to come onstage*) Hey, thanks for helping

me out today. You will be Jonathan. (*Hand SGL the 'J' sign*). Of course, 'J' stands for Jonathan. And you will be David. (*Hand SGL the 'D' sign*). And 'D' stands for David. Great! If you were here last week, you probably remember that David and Jonathan were best friends! AND you might also remember that Jonathan was the son of the king. King Saul was Jonathan's dad. I'll be King Saul today.

HISTORYTELLER as KING SAUL: (*Put crown on your head and speak in a stern, booming voice*) "I'm King Saul. And I'm not nice."

HISTORYTELLER: (*Take off crown.*) "To be honest, King Saul wasn't very nice. And to make matters worse, he didn't like David. Can you imagine your dad not liking your best friend? (*Pause.*) That would be bad.

"One day, David told Jonathan he was afraid that the mean King would hurt him and he thought that maybe he should just run away. Go ahead, David. Run away. (*Motion for David to run to the left side of the stage*)

(*Give Jonathan the stop sign to hold.*) "But Jonathan stopped him. He promised David that he would go check on the king's party and he said that David should hide in a field until he came back. So David hid. Go ahead and hide right there, David.

"David hid while Jonathan went to check things out. Jonathan was very sneaky and quiet. He didn't want the king to see him.

(*Walk over the right side of the stage with Jonathan.*) "Why don't you hide right here? (*To audience*) Jonathan found the perfect place to watch the king. First he took a drink.

HISTORYTELLER as SAUL: (*Put crown on. Speak in booming voice*) "Where is David? (*Pause.*) He should be here at my party! Am I not the king? (*Pause.*) Who wouldn't want to come to a party the king has thrown?"

HISTORYTELLER: (*Take off crown.*) "Jonathan knew right then that David was right about the king. King Saul was angry. He didn't like David. That meant that David was in trouble.

(*Walk Jonathan to the side of the stage where David is hiding.*) "Come on Jonathan, let's go. (*To audience*) Jonathan had to warn David. Jonathan told David that he would have to go away. This made the two friends so sad. They cried and hugged. (*To the volunteers*) Go ahead and give each other a hug. (*To audience*) And they promised that no matter what happened, they would ALWAYS be friends—FOREVER. They didn't have to be together to still be friends. Great job, guys. How about another big hand for our awesome volunteers? (*Lead applause and collect 'D' and 'J' signs.*) You can go back to your seats.

"I love stories like this one in the Bible. David and Jonathan were best friends. And even though they were sad to be apart, they promised to stay friends forever. They were

definitely good friends. God give us good friends too—friends that can encourage us when we're sad and friends to laugh with us we're happy. Tell me: **Who gives you good friends?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God gives me good friends."

HISTORYTELLER: "Great listening, everyone! **[Bottom Line] God gives me good friends.** What an awesome gift.

HISTORYTELLER: "You Got it!

Exit Sketch

CG: Exit Sketch Video

Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: "How Great is our God?"

Bring volume down to signify prayer time.

HISTORYTELLER: Let's pray and thank God for our friends.

"God, You are a BIG and AWESOME God. There is no one more powerful than You. But even though You are powerful and strong, You still love us enough to care about how we feel. When we're sad, we know that You've given us good friends to help us feel better. Thank You for giving us good friends, God. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

Dismiss

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.

CG: Farewell Slide ("Tell Me Who")