

October 14, 2018

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The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Friendship of D and J

Craft Time

- Friend Print

Play Time

- Match the People

May 8, 2016

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Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Little People® and a yellow pipe cleaner "crown"

What You Say: "Hello, friends! Our Bible Today today is about two friends named David and Jonathan. (*Place two Little People® figures out in front of you.*) David worked for King Saul (*place the 'king' figure out in front*) and Jonathan was the king's son. But they were still best friends. David and Jonathan ate together and had fun together. When Jonathan would tell David something important, he knew that David wouldn't tell anyone else. They truly were best buds. (*Walk the two figures around.*) They shared everything. Jonathan gave David the robe off his back. And he gave him his sword. And he gave him his bow. Jonathan even gave David his belt! David loved Jonathan. And Jonathan loved David. (*High five the two figures.*) They both wanted to honor God and they knew that God had given them each other as friends.

"Friends are a gift from God. **Who gives you good friends?** (*Pause.*) **[Bottom Line]** **God gives you friends.**"

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: Precut "Friend Print" Activity Page, red and blue washable ink pad, wet wipes, and a pen

What You Do:

During the Activity: Talk about how David and Jonathan were good friends and how God gives all of us friends. Help kids stamp their handprint on their paper and a friend's page. Make sure you label whose hand is whose. Help kids clean hands.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together. Set papers aside to dry.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we learned that David and Jonathan were good friends because of God."

During the Activity: "We are going to make handprint friendship art. (Help kids cover their hands with ink and stamp on two papers and label. Make sure to have two different handprints on each paper. Clean hands. Write children's names on the papers and put aside.) God gives you friends and gives me friends too! David and Jonathan were good friends and did everything together."

Playtime

Match the People

What You Need: Plastic container; paper shreds; matching pairs of little people figures

What You Do: Fill plastic tub with paper shreds and hide the people in them. Sit with several toddler friends. Have them reach in the shreds and pull out the people. Then, match the people. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Can you find the friends here in this tub? Here’s one friend. Can you find another friend that looks like this one? Good job. It’s a match! Oh, here is a different friend. Let’s find his match. You are so good at this. I love playing with my friends. Don’t you? Do you know who gives you friends? God does. God gives you friends. Let’s find more friends that match.”