



## Connect with your Friends

**Parents:** Connecting with friends that build up, encourage, and keep us accountable is important at any age or stage of life. Let's study passages from the Bible that describe friendship and talk to our kids about how we can be faithful friends to others.

**Read:** Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

1 Samuel 18:1-4 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1 Samuel 19:4-5 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

**Discuss:** Name one of your closest friends? What qualities do they have? How do they treat you?

We read in the Bible how friends that love the Lord are blessings to us. What do you think it means to walk with the wise and a companion of fools suffer harm? *Be friends with people that are wise.* How can we be wise? *Read the Bible.* How can people be foolish? *By not following God and His teachings.*

How does iron sharpen iron? *In the past, one iron blade was used to sharpen another blade until both became more effective tools.*

David and Jonathan were good friends. How can we tell? *They loved each other. Jonathan gave David clothing and weapons so David would be protected. Jonathan stood up for him in front of the king.*

How can you treat your friends like Jonathan and David treated each other?

### Key Point: God Gives Us Friends

God Gives (Point up to heaven, Palms up and out )  
Us Friends (Point to yourself, Hook both pointers in "C" shapes- like your fingers are giving a hug )

**Family Activity:** Make a friendship bracelet. Choose to give it away to a friend or wear it yourself to remember to be a faithful friend—one that always points them to Jesus.

**Prayer:** Dear God, We praise You for giving us special relationships with others. Help me connect with, encourage, and point my friends to You. God, Thank You for always listening, being there for me, and showing me how to be a friend. Amen.

**Next Steps:** Memorize Proverbs 27:17. As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

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sharpens iron,  
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Proverbs 27:17

