



Instruction to parent:

Gather a bunch of pictures of your kids' friends.

Download a face blender app (example: Mixbooth) and mix the face of your kid with their friends. Let your kid guess which friend their face is mixed with.

Wasn't that fun? I'm sure it was hilarious to see your face and your friend's face mixed together as one. If there were 2 people who would be doing this in the Old Testament, it would probably be David and Jonathan - 2 friends who loved each other as their own soul.

Let's check out their story.



1 Samuel 18:1-4

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

The story of David and Jonathan teaches us the kind of friendship built by God and shows us what a true friendship looks like. We all know David, the one who killed the mighty Goliath. Jonathan, on the other hand, was the king's son. They both became such good friends that Jonathan gave David his robe, armor, sword, bow and belt. Now, these were not just ordinary gifts. These were items that belonged to the future king. Jonathan was supposed to be the future king but his friendship with David was more important to him than his position. And later on, he proved this by helping David escape when his father, King Saul wanted to kill David. David also valued his friendship with Jonathan, even beyond death. When Jonathan died, David promised to take care of Jonathan's family.

Friends are gifts from God. Let's learn from David and Jonathan and value the friends that God has placed in our lives.



Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old

Tell me who your friends are and why you consider them as friends.

7-12 years old

List down at least 5 of your friends. What can you do to make your relationship even closer with each other?

Kid/s to Parent:

Do you have friends that's been with you for more than 5 years? How did you maintain your friendship?

How will you know that you have the right kind of friends?

It is a blessing to have a friend like Jonathan but it is even better if we can be someone like Jonathan to our friends. Let's be on the look-out for ways we can treat our friends as we would want to be treated.



Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of friendship that you have given us. Thank You for the friends You have given us. Help us to love and appreciate each one of them everyday. We pray that You will help us be the kind of friend that you want us to be and teach us always to be intentional in nurturing the relationship that we have with our friends now. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



We may have all the good friends on earth but there is only One ultimate friend that we could ever have. He's the only friend who is the perfect fit for all the criteria of a true friend and the first friend who laid His life for us. For sure you can picture that perfect friend by now. Yes, you're right! He is none other than JESUS. It says in John 15:13, Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. Jesus laid down His life for us. That's how far Jesus went for his love and friendship for us.