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# THIS WEEK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

## GOAL:

UNDERSTANDING THAT AS A CHRISTIAN THERE ARE CERTAIN PEOPLE WE SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T HAVE AS FRIENDS. THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE UNKIND OR UNLOVING BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN FRIENDSHIPS THAT YOU WANT TO HAVE.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT FRIENDSHIP?

THE BIBLE TELLS US IN 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33, "DO NOT BE MISLED: 'BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER.'" YOU WANT TO HAVE THE RIGHT FRIENDS IN YOUR LIFE. YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE FRIENDS THAT GET YOU TO LIE, SNEAK AROUND, AND SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THE BIBLE TELLS YOU. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WHO WE HANG WITH.

## HOW CAN WE BE A GOOD FRIEND?

WHEN YOU HAVE A BEST FRIEND WHO IS FAITHFUL TO YOU, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST, YOU ARE TO BE THE SAME IN RETURN. THE BIBLE SHOWS US IN 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, "SO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP, JUST AS YOU ARE ALREADY DOING." YOU ARE TO BE POSITIVE TO YOUR FRIENDS. A GOOD FRIEND DOESN'T CRITICIZE OR SHOW DISLOYALTY. BE LIKE CHRIST! HE WAS THE GREATEST FRIEND OF ALL.





# FRIENDSHIP

Take time AND memorize our verse  
for the week:

As iron SHARPENS iron, so A friend  
SHARPENS A friend.

Proverbs 27:17

# Weekly Bible Reading:

DAVID AND JONATHAN  
1 Samuel 18:1-9, 19:1-10, 20:1-4

## Questions from our reading:

Who was SAUL?

Who was he JEALOUS of AND WHY?

Who was JONATHAN?

Why did SAUL try to kill DAVID?

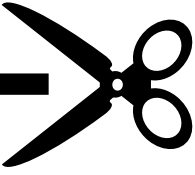
Are DAVID AND JONATHAN friends?

In CHAPTER 20 even THOUGH JONATHAN is SAUL's son  
DAVID is one of his BEST friends. SAUL wanted to KILL  
DAVID out of JEALOUSY. Did JONATHAN show LOYALTY to  
his friendship?

Would they HAVE done ANYTHING for each other?

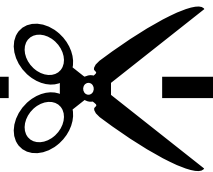


Cut out this week's memory verse  
And put it where you can see it!



**AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,  
SO A FRIEND SHARPENS A FRIEND.**

**PROVERBS 27:17**



## Let's review WHAT YOU READ this week:

GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE true friends. Friends that steer you in the right direction. True friends will never turn on you. They will stay faithful, no matter what it costs. DAVID AND JONATHAN are the greatest examples of friends. They would not let ANYTHING come between their friendship. They made each other better by their love and loyalty for each other.

As you went through your weekly reading you see JONATHAN AND DAVID would not let ANYTHING come between their friendship. GOD WANTS something better for you. He also wants you to be a true friend AND put the needs of your friends AHEAD of your own wants. MAKING that decision isn't ALWAYS the easiest BUT it's WHAT'S right.

Our Bible verse this week explains to us that you need friends in your life that make you stronger. You want to have friends who help keep you close to GOD, AND help you make the right decision even when it's not the most popular one. Get someone in your life today that will take you HIGHER!

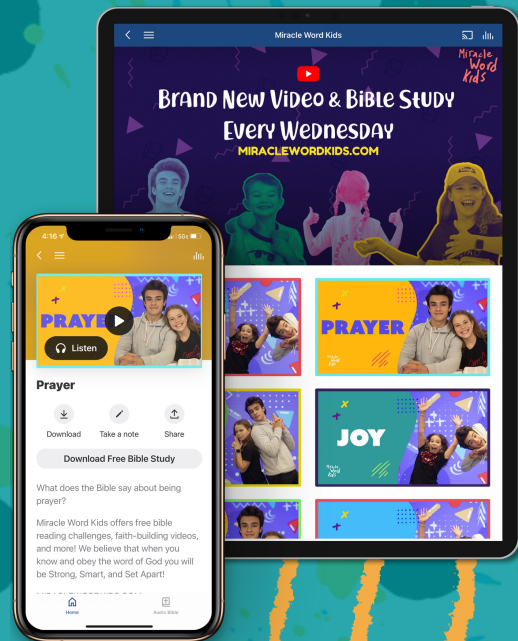
### How can we pray?

Dear LORD, THANK YOU for the friends that I HAVE in my life. THANK YOU for friends I CAN depend on. If I'm still waiting on the right friends, I will be PATIENT BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE people in this world that can be a GOOD friend to me AND will BUILD me up in the things of GOD. I WANT to be LOVING AND LOYAL. HELP me to be THAT friend. Amen!

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