

#### MAIN POINT:

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##### **A Real BFF—Best Friends Forever**

An example of an amazing, godly friendship found in the Bible is that of David and Jonathan. Their friendship is a good example for us. There are 3 important principles that God tells us to prayerfully consider when selecting our friends. Choose friends that bring out the best in you. Choose friends that will motivate you in love and in good deeds. Choose friends that love, encourage, and celebrate with you. When we choose friends that love God and live for Him, it will help us to do the same.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION:

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1. **Making friends is sometimes really easy and sometimes hard. What makes it difficult for you to start a friendship with someone?** *(Listen and contribute.)*
2. **Today we learned that God wants us to make wise decisions when we are choosing our friends. We learned that we should choose a friend that:**
  - **Brings out the BEST in you.**
  - **Motivates you in LOVE and GOOD DEEDS.**
  - **ENCOURAGES and CELEBRATES with you.**

**How are your friends doing in those 3 areas?**

*(Listen and contribute.)*

**Which one of the 3 areas above do you think you are missing in your friendship?**

*(Listen and contribute.)*

3. **How do you see your friends influencing your thinking, your actions and words? Are they helping you become more like Jesus or are they taking you down a different path that leads away from Jesus?** *(Listen and contribute.)*

**What would it look like for you to make some changes in that area?** *(Listen and contribute.)*

4. **Let's take some time to read Hebrews 10:24-25. Open your Bible if you have it. I will read it out loud. You listen and tell me what words stand out to you after I'm done reading.**

*<sup>24</sup>Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching.*

**What stands out to you? Why? What does God want you to do about it this week?**

*(Listen and contribute.)*

5. **What is one of the 3 areas you need to grow in this week as a friend? (see below) What will you practically do this week to grow in that area?**
- a. Brings out the best in others
  - b. Motivates others in love and good deeds
  - c. Encourages and celebrates with you.

### **FAMILY PRAYER:**

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SAY: I am going to read John 15:9-11 over you today and then bless you.

*“Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete.”*

(Students names), **Jesus sees you. He sees you at home, at school, when you are with your family and friends, when you are alone, when you are sad, and when you are happy. He sees you because He is God. He created you, He knows everything about you, and is with you. Jesus is your Messiah and is Lord over everything. May you know how loved you are by Him. May you courageously follow Him May the truths of His word be on your heart and may you continue to become more like Jesus each day.**

**What are some things that are happening in your life over the next couple of weeks that I can pray for?**