



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

BIBLE CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: JONATHAN

Take-Home Sheet for Kids

★ ABOUT

Jonathan was King David's best friend when they were young men.

Jonathan was also the son of King Saul, and the king was very jealous of David. After David killed Goliath, the people liked him so much that King Saul was afraid they would all say they wanted David as king. He hated David! This put Jonathan in a very hard situation.

When his father tried lots of times to have David killed, would Jonathan help his father? Would he help the king of the land? Or would he help his friend who was braver, more noble and more faithful to God?



★ BIBLE VERSES

Jonathan appears in 1 Samuel, especially chapters 13-14, 18-20, and 23.

★ JONATHAN'S TRAITS

- **LOYAL:** Jonathan stayed true to his friend David even when it put him at odds with his father, King Saul. (1 Samuel 18:3)
- **BRAVE:** He faced the Philistines with just his armor-bearer, showing courage rooted in faith. (1 Samuel 14:6)
- **SELFLESS:** Jonathan gave David his royal robe and weapons, showing he was willing to give up his claim to the throne. (1 Samuel 18:4)
- **ENCOURAGING:** He went to David in the wilderness and helped him find strength in God. (1 Samuel 23:16)
- **FAITHFUL:** He remained faithful to God's plan, even when it meant stepping aside for David. (1 Samuel 20:13)

★ WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM JONATHAN

- **True friendship is selfless:** Jonathan loved David as himself and celebrated his success, even when it meant giving up his own future throne.
- **Bravery comes from trusting God:** Jonathan stepped out in faith during battles and believed God could save, whether by many or few.
- **Standing for what's right takes courage:** He stood up to his father Saul to protect David, showing loyalty to God over family pressure.
- **God values loyalty and integrity:** Jonathan didn't seek fame, but his quiet faithfulness shines throughout Scripture.