

HOW TO OBEY

Mavuno Kids Teaching Guide

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 18-19 paraphrased

Theme: A Friend is One who Loves at all times

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Weekly Memory Verse: Proverbs 17:17 – A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for hard times.

LESSON FOR: 0-3yr Olds: CHOOSING FRIENDS

Nathan had not said a word since they left home to go to church. He took time getting out of the car and walked even more slowly behind his father as they walked towards the children's church. "Dad, I do not want to go! I want to stay with Mummy! He cried. Just then Ryan came to the door, smiled and took his hand. "Come in and play with me. I have Lego blocks." said Ryan. Nathan hesitated a bit but finally let go of his father's hand and walked with his new friend Ryan. He had so much fun playing with Ryan!

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

Have you ever been afraid to go into a new class? Has a friend helped you not be afraid? What is the name of that friend?

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QUESTIONS:

- Isn't that a nice story?
- How many of you would like to have a good friend like Jonathan?
- What did Jonathan ask David to become? Ans. His best friend forever
- Jonathan was a good friend. He was kind to David and also shared with him some of his clothes. Who is your best friend? What do you like about them?

God wants us to have good friends. From this story we learn that a good friend is one who loves at all times.

Remember: A friend is one who loves at all times!

Hold hands with your friend and pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for the good friends you have given me. Amen

LESSON FOR: 4-5YR OLDS:

Ethan was having a birthday party in his house and all the neighborhood kids were invited. Steph was sitting quietly by herself. "Ethan have you met Steph, she is Ryan's sister." Ethan's mum said. "Why don't you ask her to join in on the games? Maybe she will enjoy it too". Ethan smiled at Steph. Come and play with us, he said. Steph joined them and they started playing together.

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

Have you ever gone for a birthday party and had no friend to play with? Did a friend invite you to play with them? What is the name of that friend?

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Jonathan was a good friend. He helped David feel welcome in his home plus also shared with him some of his clothes. Good friends are kind and they share with others. God wants us to have good friends

- Who is your best friend? What do you like about them? What fun things do you do together?

Remember: A friend is one who loves at all times!

Memory verse: Proverbs 17:17 A Friend loves at all times

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LESSON FOR: 6-7 YR OLDS.

It was break time and all the children were running out of class to go play outside. The new girl sat seated. She was shy and did not say much. She looked rather sad as the other children were not talking to her. "Hi, do you want to play?" Steph asked? "We are going to the swings and I will let you take my turn." The girl looked up and smiled. "Okay, come on lets go before the teacher calls us in again." Steph said as she grabbed her hand and run outside.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Have you ever felt lonely and sad in a new place? Which friend invited you to play with them? God wants us to have good friends. Here is the story of someone in the bible who was a good friend

JONATHAN – A GOOD FRIEND

After David killed Goliath, King Saul decided to keep David in his army and invited him to live in his palace. Jonathan was the son of King Saul. When David came to the palace Jonathan immediately loved David as if he was his own brother. Jonathan loved David even though David came from a poor family and had never lived in a palace before. He asked David to be his best friend and as a sign of their friendship, Jonathan gave David his royal robe, belt, sword and bow.

QUESTIONS:

After David _____ Goliath, King Saul decided to keep David in his army and invited him to live in his _____. When David came to the palace Jonathan immediately loved David as if he was his own _____. Jonathan loved David even though David came from a _____ family and had never lived in a palace before.

Jonathan was a good friend because he shared with David even though David came from a poor family. God wants us to choose good friends who do not laugh at us when we do not have what they have. He wants us to choose friends who are kind to us and who also share with us.

- Which toys do your friends have that you do not have?
- How does that make you feel?
- Which two friends share with you and are kind to you even if you do not have what they have?

These are good friends to keep. A good friend is one who accepts you and loves you as you are and God wants us to keep these kinds of friends

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LESSON FOR: 8 -9 YR OLDS

Steph heard the bell ring. She knew it was lunch time and even though she was hungry, she did not leave her seat. The class teacher saw this and asked her. "Steph why are you still here? Should you not be outside having lunch with your friends?" "I am scared to leave because I do not want to have to share my lunch again today. My friend keeps asking and never ever shares hers with me. I do not want to hurt her either," replied Steph. "Have you told her you do not want to share you lunch? Perhaps you can try that today. If she is your friend she will understand that you do not always have to share," said the teacher. Sure enough, Steph told her friend exactly what her teacher had said to do. "That is okay; I will just eat mine today." Said Steph's friend without getting upset!

WHAT ABOUT YOU

Is there a friend you find difficult to say 'no' to? A true friend is someone you can say 'no' to and it is perfectly okay. Some friends however get very annoyed which is a sign of a bad friendship. God wants us to enjoy our friendships and to learn to choose good friends. Here is a story of someone in the bible who had a good friend and a bad friend.

JONATHAN A GOOD FRIEND, SAUL A BAD FRIEND

After David killed Goliath, King Saul decided to keep David in his army and invited him to live in his palace. King Saul invited David because David was brave and could help him win battles. David was also a good singer and could sing good songs to make King Saul happy. King Saul loved David because of what he could get from him. With time however, King Saul became jealous of David and even tried to kill him. But Jonathan was different from his father King Saul. When David came to the palace Jonathan immediately loved David as if he was his own brother. Jonathan loved David even though David came from a poor family and had never lived in a palace before. He asked David to be his best friend and as a sign of their friendship, Jonathan gave David his royal robe, belt, sword and bow.

QUESTIONS:

King Saul invited David because David was _____ and could help him win _____. David was also a good singer and could sing good songs to make King Saul _____. King Saul loved David because of what he could _____ - from him. But Jonathan was _____ -- from his father King Saul. Jonathan loved David even though David came from a _____-family and had never lived in a palace before.

Jonathan was a very good friend. He was kind and loyal to his friend David. But King Saul was not a good friend. He was jealous of David and only wanted to be friends with David because of what he could get from him.

Not all of our friends will be kind and loyal. Some will be bad and mean and it is sometimes difficult to know what to do especially when they bully us. Steph did the right thing by telling her teacher about it. Thankfully her friend was good and she understood that Steph does not have to share with her all the time. Sometimes though it does not always work like it did for Steph and the friend may end up being very angry. Should this happen remember that a real friend should respect you when you say 'No' even if they do not like it. If you talk to them and they still get angry when you say 'No' then consider making friends with those who can respect you.

- Which friend will find it difficult if you tell them 'No' _____

- Which friend will respect you and still want to remain friends even if you tell them 'No' _____

If you want a friendship like that of David and Jonathan You can get started by doing what David and Jonathan did: With one or two of your friends in class, agree that you will be good friends. Agree to tell each other the truth and protect each other from making bad choices. Agree to love each other unconditionally and to support each other to the best of your ability.

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LESSON FOR: 10-13 YRS OLDS

Sheila had organized a sleepover party at her house. She was so happy that her mom had finally allowed her to hold the party. The best part was that her mom was working out of town that night. That meant freedom! Sheila loved freedom though she wasn't even really sure what to do with that freedom!

When her friends heard they had the house all to themselves, they nagged their parents to allow them to go for the sleepover. By seven all the invited guests were there except Emma. Sheila called to enquire why Emma would want to miss such a party. Emma replied saying she was bringing along a friend and that's the reason she was running late. "But I clearly said we have a full house and do not want gatecrashers!" cried Sheila. Emma insisted she had to bring this friend as they were very special to her.

Half an hour later Emma arrived accompanied by a boy. "What!" Sheila uttered in shock. "This is a girls' only party how could you bring a boy!" "But he is my boyfriend!" argued Emma. "This is all wrong!" exclaimed Sheila. "First you are too young to be dating anybody and second he is too old!" "But good friends cover each other!" protested Emma. "Good I want to cover your back completely!" At this, Sheila took her phone and reported the matter to Emma's Mum who came to fetch her with immediately!

WHAT ABOUT YOU

Have you or your friends ever been reported for misbehavior? What happened?

At times when our friends report us, we feel angry and betrayed. But good friends will do this to protect us from harming ourselves. Bad friendships on the other hand will do nothing even when our lives are in danger. God however wants us to have good friends who warn us of danger. Here is the story of someone in the bible who had a good and a bad friend.

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David continued to serve in the King's army. The Lord was with David and he was successful in all the battles he led. This made David very famous. He became more famous than King Saul. People would sing songs of praise to him saying he was mightier than King Saul. This made King Saul very jealous of him and he determined to kill him.

One day Saul organized a feast. During the feast he confirmed to Jonathan that he was planning to kill David. When Jonathan asked what David had done to deserve death, Saul threw his spear at Jonathan, his own son! Jonathan was very angry with his father that he left the feast!

The next morning he went out to the field to shoot arrows. On shooting the arrows, Jonathan called out to his young helper, "The arrow went far beyond you! Hurry, run fast!" This was the signal to David that Saul wanted to kill him. The boy retrieved his arrows, and Jonathan sent him home. Then David came out from behind the rock he was hiding from. The two friends hugged and cried together.

Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace. In the name of the Lord we have taken an oath. We've promised to be friends. We've said, 'The Lord is a witness between you and me. He's a witness between your children and my children forever.' "

Then David left and went into the mountains to hide from King Saul. Sadly, Jonathan and David never met again until Jonathan's and Saul's death. When David became king, he still kept his promise to Jonathan and took care of Jonathan's surviving child who was a cripple. By doing this, David kept his promise to be best friend's with Jonathan!

LESSON:

List three things that made King Saul like David

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Are there friends who like you for the things you have? List three things they have told you they like you for.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How does it make you feel when people like you for the things you have?

I feel _____

Jonathan on the other hand was a true friend of David. He protected David from danger at the risk of his own life! Sheila also is a good friend. She is concerned that her friend is making a wrong decision dating an older boy and at the risk of her friendship with Emma, she reports the matter to the Mum. Being corrected by a friend can be annoying, embarrassing or even painful. But such a friend can be trusted because they care enough to keep you from making bad decisions

List two names of friends who will tell you the truth no matter what!

- 1.

2.

If you do not have such friends then you seriously do need to pray to make such friends as they are true friends!

Proverbs 27:6 (NLV) Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy!

You can get started by doing what David and Jonathan did: With one or two of your friends in class, agree that you will be good friends. Agree to tell each other the truth and protect each other from making bad choices, including informing a teacher, pastor or parent should it become necessary!

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June week one 4-5 years

Colour and make a card for your best friend



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June Week One 8-9 Years

The Sayings of Jesus

Name: _____

Love Each Other

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for each number to solve the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	X	O	Y	Z	I	M	R	E	H	B	W	C	V	J	N	A	U	T	G	P	F	K	L	Q	D

1. 22-8-6-9-16-26-1 _____
2. 7-17-1-19-9-8 _____
3. 24-3-14-9 _____
4. 1-9-8-14-17-16-19 _____
5. 3-11-9-4 _____
6. 24-6-22-9 _____

Check your answers.

love	life	servant
obey	friends	master

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June Week One 10-13 Years

Love one another



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F D H O F G M L J J V J N D Q
A C D O O G R D Y F A T H E R
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Father	command	life	business
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remain	lay	servants	bear

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