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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

Life and Action
Friendship

Bible Readings

1 Samuel 20

Proverbs 13

Proverbs 27

John 21



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the theme of friendship in the Bible.
- Express what you believe God wants for us in our friendships.
- Apply your learning from the Bible to your own friendships.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What does the Bible say about friendship?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

Tell the group about a time when someone was a good friend.

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: 1 Samuel 20

The Bible is full of stories of deep friendships.

It is clear that God designed us to need people who love us, who care for us, who we can enjoy life with, who help us work out who we are.

Jesus called his followers his friends, he went to their parties and celebrations, he wept at their funerals, and he depended upon them. He also knows what it was like to be rejected by his friends and left alone at his most difficult moment.

One of the great stories of friendship in the Bible is the story of David and Jonathan.

David is a great hero and king of the Bible. He grew up with Jonathan, the son of King Saul, who David eventually succeeded. Saul was jealous of David's skill, bravery, success and popularity and came to hate David so much that he wanted to kill him.

But the friendship between David and Jonathan remained strong regardless of what the King thought.

1 Samuel 20 tells the story of what turned out to be the final time that David and Jonathan met. The emotion of their parting tells of the deep love that they have for one another.

God wants us to have friends; God wants us to be friends for others. In the Bible you will discover stories of friends that will help you become the best friend you can be, and that will help you deal with the times when our friends let us down.

Explore – Express

Act out 1 Samuel 20 – using the Bible as the script.

You will need:

- Saul
- Jonathan
- David
- A young boy

Explore – Integrate

- What made Jonathan such a good friend?
- How can you be a friend like that?
- What is one thing that you can do this week as a result of what you have learned?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects that you have.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Pray for your friends.

Ask God to help you be a good friend.

Pray for God to surround you with friends who will be there for you.