



DAVID AND JONATHAN

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 20

FOCUS VERSES: Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 3:5–6;
Hebrews 10:24

Summary: Saul was still the king of Israel, but God had anointed David to replace him. Saul brought David to live in his house. Saul's son Jonathan and David became best friends and promised to always take care of each other. Saul grew very jealous of David and tried to kill him multiple times. David and Jonathan made a plan to figure out if Saul truly intended to harm David. Jonathan helped David escape. Jonathan was a good friend to David even though that meant he would never be the king himself.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

For nothing will be impossible with God.

(LUKE 1:37)



God's plan comes first.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



WHY SHOULD GOD'S PLAN COME FIRST?

God's plan is the most important, and He will make it happen.



DO WE HAVE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S PLAN ON OUR OWN?

God gives us other people who can encourage us, strengthen us, love us and help us.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will reflect and respond to the truth they learned about God.



FIND A FRIEND

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: Adjust the number of kids in each group and the tasks as needed to best fit the size of your small group.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For kids with attention problems, support by giving them the number to find and then what they should do in the group. You could also repeat expectations repeatedly.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God never fails. How have you seen this week that God hasn't failed you?
4. **Say:** Let's work together with our friends to complete some challenges.
5. *Invite kids to scatter around your space. Explain that you will call out a number and a task, then they are to group together in that number and successfully complete the tasks.*
6. **Numbers and Tasks:**
 - 5—Make a star shape laying on the floor using your bodies.
 - 2—Sit on the floor back-to-back and stand up without using your hands.
 - 3—Hold hands and sing "Ring Around the Rosey."
 - 4—Play leapfrog.
 - 7—Group hug.
7. **Discuss:** Was it easy to complete the tasks with your friends? Why or why not? Could you have done any of these tasks alone?



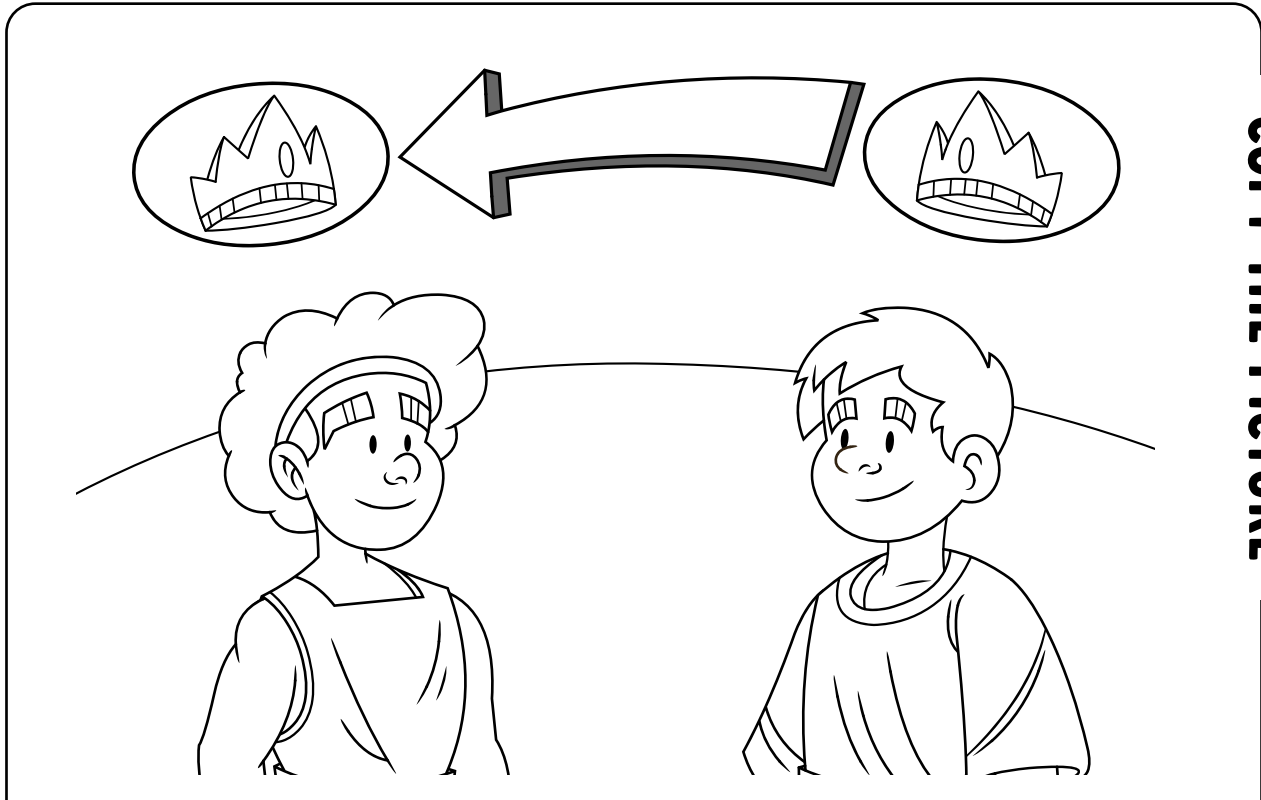
ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

In today's story, we are learning about some best friends who really worked well together to follow God's best plan.



TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

DAVID AND JONATHAN



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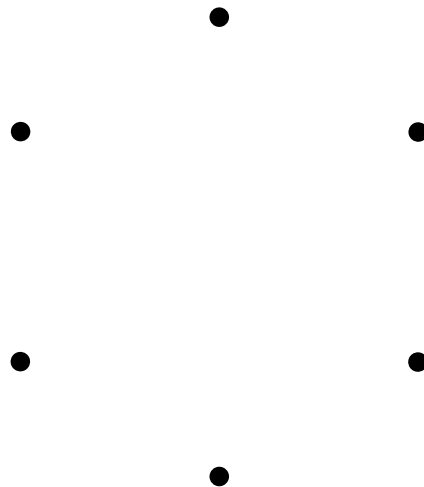
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Jonathan, Saul, Escape, Encourage, Israel

SIM GAME

- Find a partner.
- Use different colors.
- Take turns drawing a line from one dot to another.
- The first player to make a triangle in their own color loses!





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Today's Brite Idea is: God's plan comes first.



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impossible with God.*

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BIG QUESTION

Will God ever fail us? No, never!



God has
a good plan.



We can trust
God's plan.



I can trust
God's plan.



TEAMWORK

SUPPLIES:

2 balloons

PREP:

Inflate the balloons.

LEADER TIP: Use latex-free balloons if anyone in your care has a latex allergy.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

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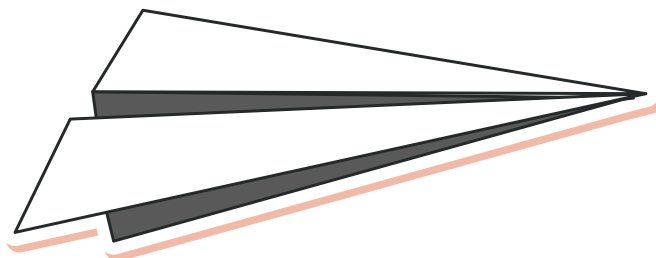
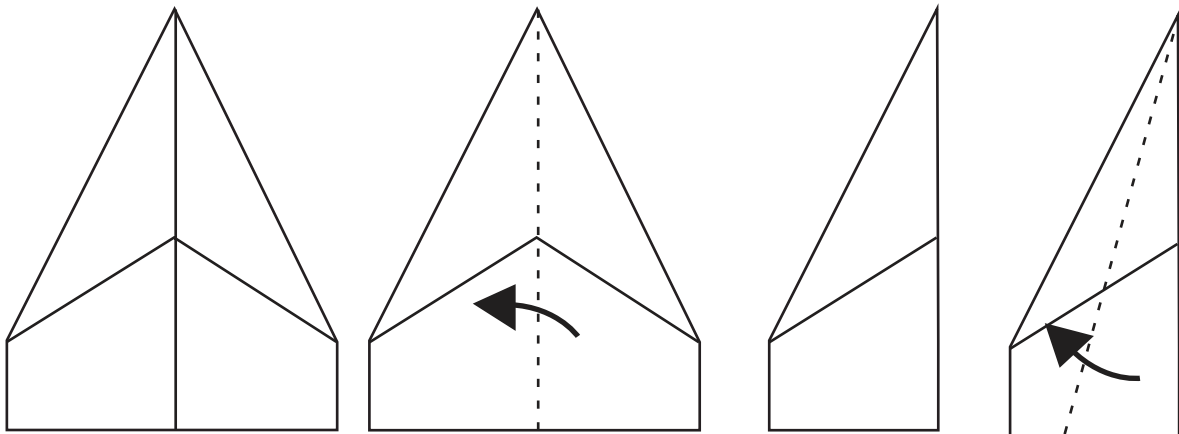
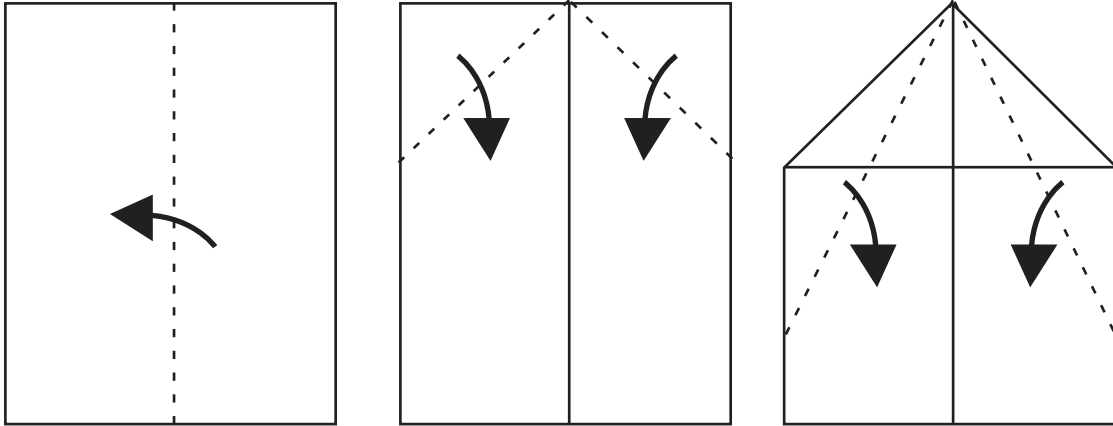
1. **Say:** I have a balloon. Let's all stand up on our feet and work together to keep the balloon in the air!
2. *Demonstrate how kids can hit the balloon up into the air.*
3. **Say:** Are you ready? Let's all work together to try and not have the balloon touch the ground. Ready, set, go!
4. *Throw the balloon up into the air.*
5. *After a few rounds, add the second balloon for the group to work together to keep both up simultaneously.*
6. *When a balloon falls to the ground, quickly grab it and repeat the game.*
7. **Ask:** Do you think it would be hard to keep the balloon up all by yourself?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

In today's Bible story, two friends named David and Jonathan will work together to keep David safe.



PAPER AIRPLANE FOLDING



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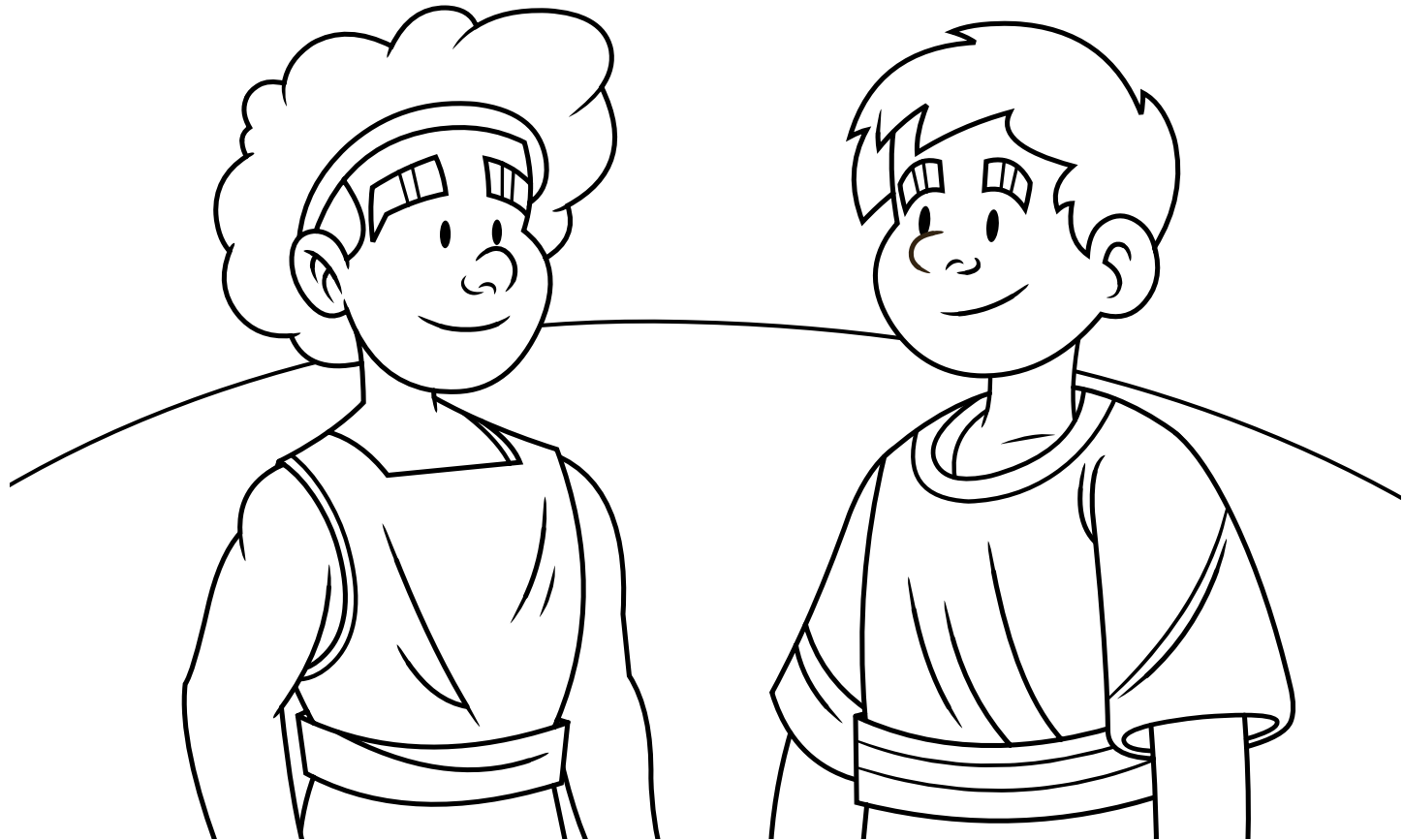
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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE