



# Jonathan Warns David

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42



**Bible Point:** God helps us be loyal friends even when it's hard.



**Key Verse:** "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24b).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

## Discussion Starters

### Preschoolers

- What is a friend?
- Who is your friend?

### Elementary Students

- What does friendship mean?
- How can we be good friends with others?

### Youth

- What does it mean to be a loyal friend?
- When might loyalty come into conflict with right and wrong?

## Talk Topics

- Discuss a friend you've had who was very loyal. What effects did that loyalty have in your life?
- Talk about the ways God demonstrates his loyalty to us. How does God's loyalty affect our ability to be loyal to our friends? What can we learn about loyalty from looking at God's loyalty?
- Discuss a time you weren't loyal to a friend. What did that do to your relationship?
- Talk about the world's view of friendship. Is it a positive view? How does the world's definition of loyalty differ from the Bible's?

## Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights about loyalty.

Monday—Exodus 33:11a

Tuesday—Psalm 78:8

Wednesday—Proverbs 17:17

Thursday—Proverbs 27:6

Friday—John 15:12-15

Saturday—James 4:4

## Daily Challenge®

- Ask God to show you how to be a better friend this week, and for opportunities to show your friendship. As God reveals opportunities, use them.
- Think about the friendships you have right now. What's one way you can be more loyal to those friends? Do it this week.
- Is there someone you know of who could really use a friend right now? Spend some time with that person, really listen to what he or she has to say, and share God's love with him or her.
- Gather family members together, and come up with three or four questions about loyalty. Questions might include "What does it take to be loyal?" or "Who's the most loyal person you know? What makes him or her loyal?" Then have family members ask several friends the questions you've created. Afterward, get together and discuss what you learned about loyalty.