



WEEK OF
September 13, 2020

Block Party: Everyone's Invited

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



First, watch
this week's
video!

Friendship:
using your
words and
actions to
show others
you care.

Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Bible Story

David and Jonathan
(1 Samuel 20)

Bottom Line

Friends love one another.

Use this guide with your family to learn how God can help us be better friends.

Activity 1

Take A Snapshot (game)

- No supplies needed

This game is played kind of like "Simon Says," except that when you give the command, kids have to do the opposite! If they can't think of an opposite, they're out. If they follow the command without doing the opposite they're out. The last person standing wins!

What You Do

Read the following commands, in any order AND feel free to add your own!!

Jump up (opposite: squat down low)

Touch head (opposite: touch toes)

Stick tongue out at a friend (opposite: do something nice like bump elbows or high five)

Say something mean to a friend (opposite: say something nice to a friend)

Stand up (opposite: sit down)

Raise right hand (opposite: raise left hand)

Be quiet (opposite: talk)

Making fun of others (opposite: saying kind words to another)

Activity 2

Pom Pom Bodies

What You Need

- Pom poms (1 big, 1 small) or cotton balls
- Sticker eyes
- Foam heart stickers
- Small bag

Kids will make two pom pom buddies—one to keep and one to give away. Help kids apply two stickers' eyes to the large pom pom. Instruct kids to glue a mini pom pom as the nose underneath the two eyes. Then, put some glue in the foam hearts then glue it onto the bottom of the pom pom for the feet.

Repeat for the second large pom pom. If kids finish quickly, encourage them to decorate the bag with markers to make a little house for their pom pom buddy. They can secure everything with tape. As they're working, ask the kids to think of one friend to give a pom pom buddy to and how they could show love to that friend this week.

Talk about the Bible Story

How was Jonathan a good friend to David? (*He honored David by giving him royal gifts; he created a plan to tell David that his father wanted to hurt him; he saved David's life*)

Do you have any friends who have helped you when you needed it? Tell me about it.

Say, "Jonathan helped David because they were friends. And real friends love one another."



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for being our Friend forever. Thank You for loving us no matter what. Help us to be a friend like Jonathan. Help us to be loyal, honest, and good to the people You have put in our lives. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."