

PROVERBS

Homelink

July 2, 2017

Memory Verse:

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

-Proverbs 1:7

One Big Thing:

A wise friend loves at ALL times.

Review:

This week, we drew from a number of different scriptures in order to see what it looks like to be a wise friend. Some characteristics of wise friends are that they are always there for each other (Prov. 17:17) and they make sacrifices for each other (John 15:3). We looked at the story of David and Jonathan from 1 Samuel 18:1-4 and saw that even though David was going to be the next king of Israel instead of Jonathan, Jonathan loved him and was not jealous of him. Jonathan actually helped David and gave him great gifts! We saw that wise friends do not look at what they can get from their friends, but how they can give to them. Sometimes, it is really hard to be this kind of friend. Thankfully, Jesus is our friend that sticks closer than a brother, who laid down His life for us and loves us at all times. Jesus shows us what wise friendship looks like and helps us to be wise friends, too.

Good Questions to Ask:

- 1. Q:** Does a wise friend only love when it's easy or when they feel like it?

A: No, wise friends put aside the things that they want so that they can be a good friend to others.
- 2. Q:** How was Jonathan a wise friend to David?

A: He wasn't jealous of David or mean to him even though David was going to be the next king instead of him. He helped David and gave David his robe, armor, sword, and belt.
- 3. Q:** How is Jesus the wisest of friends to us?

A: He died on the cross for our sins and loves us at all times, even though we are not always easy to love.
- 4. Q:** Am I always this type of friend? What are some examples of ways that I can be this type of friend?

A: Working through problems and forgiving each other when we disagree, sharing my toys, playing the game my friend wants to play, praying for my friend, always wanting the best for my friend.

Pray together as a family:

“Father, thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins by laying down His life for us as our friend. Thank you for the example of Jonathan in the Bible not being jealous of David or mean to him but helping him and being a great friend to him. Please help us to be wise friends who love at ALL times, not just when it is easy or feels good.”

