

# Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 6

## David's Faithful Friend Jonathan

**Theme:** Obedience — Recognizing the danger of jealousy

### Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

### Daily Bible Readings

- 1 1 Samuel 18:1-16, 28-30
- 2 1 Samuel 19:1-18
- 3 1 Samuel 20:1-11
- 4 1 Samuel 20:12, 15-23
- 5 1 Samuel 20:24-42

**G**od chose David as Israel's second king, but David still needed people's support to be a good leader. Over time, people began to trust David and loved him as their king. David even gained the support of Jonathan, a man who could have been Israel's next king.

### David and the People of Israel

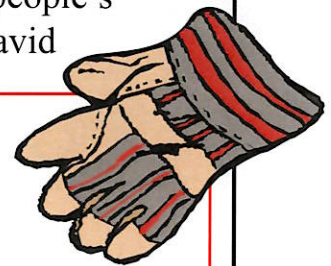
David was a skillful soldier and, with God's help, was successful in battle. When David

#### 1 Samuel 18:1-16, 28-30

Women praised David because he won battles. How did Saul feel about this?

- proud of David
- successful and famous
- angry and jealous

What did Saul try to do to David two times?



returned from battle, women came out from cities in Israel celebrating his victories. This made Saul angry and jealous.

God had already decided David would be Israel's next king, but David still needed people's support. The people of Israel began loving David, but Saul was jealous and tried to kill him.

### David and Saul

Because Saul committed a string of sins, God rejected him as Israel's king. God's Spirit left Saul and an evil spirit came on him. Saul had not decided to do God's will, so the evil spirit was able to influence Saul for evil.

Saul started thinking David was trying to take away his throne. One day, David was playing music to calm Saul when two times Saul hurled a spear trying to kill him. David kept doing what was right and the Lord was with him. Saul saw



### 1 Samuel 20:1-11

True or False? Saul was planning to kill David, but he did not tell Jonathan.

Saul didn't tell his own son his plans. Explain why.

### 1 Samuel 19:1-18

Describe in your own words how David and Jonathan felt about each other.

What two people helped protect David from Saul?

To whom did David go for protection after he escaped?

Eli

Samuel

Isaac

this and didn't want David near him. He gave orders to his son Jonathan and to other soldiers in his army to kill David.

Once Saul stopped doing God's will, he became angry and jealous and behaved badly. Saul lost the kingdom and tried to hold onto it by human power, but he was fighting against God.



## David and Jonathan

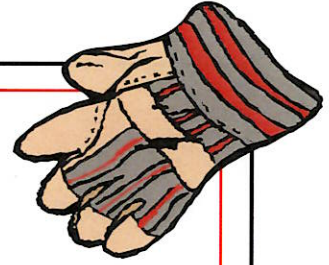
Jonathan was Saul's son and David's faithful friend. Jonathan would have been king after his father if Saul had not lost the kingdom. God chose David to be Israel's next king. Jonathan could have resented David, but instead he supported him. Jonathan stayed with David, even when it was hard. His support helped David be an effective leader.

### 1 Samuel 20:12, 15-23

What did David promise Jonathan about Jonathan's "house" or family?

- he would show love to them
- he would pay them a million dollars
- he would hide them

What would Jonathan use to tell David whether or not it was safe for David to come out of hiding?



### 1 Samuel 20:24-42

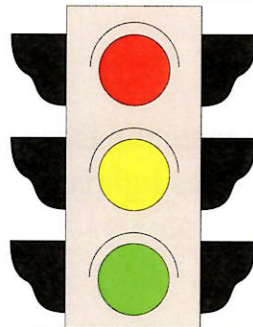
When Saul found out David was not coming to the feast, he first thought it was an \_\_\_\_\_.

When Jonathan asked Saul not to kill David, what did Saul do to Jonathan?

- gave him dinner
- told him to leave
- tried to kill him

Today, parents lead at home and teachers lead at school. Managers lead at work, and elders lead the church. We have leaders in our state and nation. We need to follow and support our leaders if he or she is trying to do what is right.

My friends can count on me to help and love them.



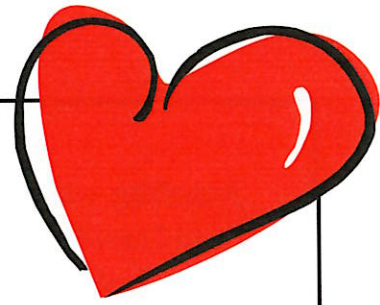
Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red — never**

**Yellow — sometimes**

**Green — always**

## Think About It ...



Jonathan chose to support David rather than his own father.

1. What did Jonathan see in his father that made him support David?
2. What did Jonathan see in David that made him support David?



## Working Hard on Bible Facts

Who is the whole Bible about?

Write the names of the twelve apostles. Be ready to say them in class from memory.

On a map inside the back cover, locate the Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea. Mark these places lightly with a  $\triangle$ .