

Have fun learning and playing
with your preschooler!

Activity

High-Five Faithfulness

What You Need

Construction paper in six colors (or plain paper with different colored markers or crayons), scissors, tape, and an opaque bag

What You Do

Trace your hand on each color of construction paper or trace your hand in different colors on regular paper.

Cut a small piece from each color of construction paper or use crayons to mark a small piece of regular paper. Place the small pieces in the opaque bag.

Tape the hands on different walls or pieces of furniture at varying heights, but easily reachable by your child.

Invite your child to play a high-five matching game. Point out the hands taped around the room. Ask your child to select a piece of paper from the bag and name the color. Then ask them to give a high-five to the matching hand and say, "Jesus can help me do everything!" Repeat until your kid has high-fived all the colors.

After the activity say, "You did a great job finding the colors and giving a high-five. In our Bible story, David said he would always be a good friend to Jonathan. After David became king, he chose faithfulness and did what he said he would do by helping Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. Let's give one more high-five for David because he was faithful." (*Give a high-five to each other or one of the handprints.*)

"When Jesus is your friend forever, He can help you choose faithfulness, too. Jesus can help you do everything. Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!"

Bible Story

David and Jonathan
(1 Samuel 20; 2 Samuel 9:1-7)

Remember This

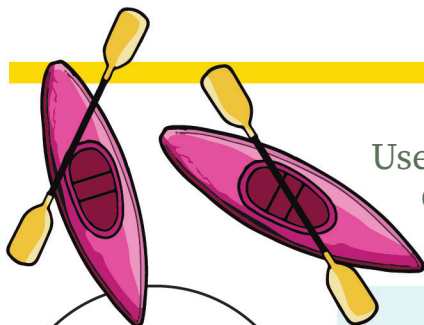
"Jesus answered, 'I am the way
and the truth and the life.'"
John 14:6, NIV

Say This

Who can help you
do everything?
Jesus can help you
do everything.

Prayer

"Dear God, we want to be faithful friends and do what we say we will do. Thank you for sending Jesus to help us. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



Use this guide to help your family learn how God's Spirit can help us "make waves."

First, watch
this week's
video!

Make Waves:
What you
do today
can change
the world
around you

Memory Verse

"God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns."
Philippians 1:6, NIV

Bible Story

David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 18-20,
2 Samuel 9

Bottom Line

Be faithful so others
can count on you.

Activity

Lean on Me

What You Need:

No supplies needed.

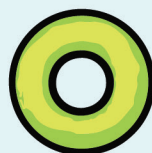
What You Do:

Tell your child that you're going to practice "trust falls" together.

Say, "I'll stand behind you with my arms held up. You'll be facing away from me. When I say go, you'll fall backward. You have to trust that I'm going to catch you. Ready?"

Practice a few trust falls, catching your child before they fall. For an extra challenge, practice the trust falls on a bed, and a few times, allow your child to fall all the way backward!

Say, "Good friends should always be able to count on one another. People should know that they can trust us to keep our word. That's what it means to be faithful!"



Talk About the Bible Story

How were Jonathan and David examples of faithful friends? (*They stood up for each other; they could count on each other; David kept his promises even after Jonathan had died.*)

Why could it have been hard for Jonathan to honor David the way he did? (*He wasn't really supposed to use his royal sword and robes for anyone else; Jonathan's father was trying to kill David.*)

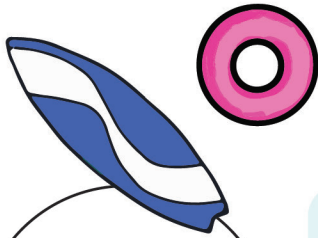
What are a few ways we can be faithful friends? (*keep our promises, be kind, give a hug or a fist bump when someone's having a bad day, do what we say we're going to do, share what we have*)

Parent: Talk about a time when you kept your word to a friend. Maybe you kept a promise to do something with a friend, even when you were extra-busy . . . or you kept your word to be available to support them during a hard time . . . or you stood up for a friend when others weren't being kind to them.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, David was faithful and loyal to his friend Jonathan. With the help of Your Spirit, I can be faithful so others can count on me, too. Thank You for being the best example of a faithful Friend. We can always count on You! We love You. Amen."



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Key Question

How can you be someone people can count on?

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Activity

Name Game

What You Need:

an object such as balloons or even oranges; writing utensil

What You Do:

Write down the following names on your chosen objects, one name per object: *Saul, David, Mephibosheth, Jonathan.*

Tell your child that you're going to play a game to review the Bible story. You'll read a statement, and they'll choose which person/people the statement is true for. (There may be more than one correct name per statement.) If possible, let your child roll or toss the object with the correct name on it.

Statements (and answers):

- I grew up in a palace. (*Jonathan*)
- I grew up with sheep. (*David*)
- I defeated a giant. (*David*)
- I tried to kill David. (*Saul*)
- I invited someone to come live in the palace. (*Saul invited David; David invited Mephibosheth.*)
- I was a faithful friend. (*David, Jonathan*)
- I shared my sword and robe. (*Jonathan*)
- I used an arrow to send a warning. (*Jonathan*)
- I died in a battle. (*Saul, Jonathan*)

When you're finished, say,

"Jonathan and David are examples of faithful friends. They stood up for each other, and they could count on each other. With the help of God's Spirit, we can be loyal, faithful friends, too."

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How has God been faithful to you? How does that impact your faithfulness to others?

What are some ways you can show faithfulness to other people this week?

Encourage your child to be a faithful friend this week. A wave of loyal friendship can go a long way and make a difference in the lives of others.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are always faithful! We can always depend on You. Please help each of us to follow Your example and be a faithful friend to others. We know that the way we treat others shows our love and faithfulness to You. So help us be the ones this week that others can count on. In Jesus' name, amen."