

# Sunday School Live Lesson

June 21, 2026

## Jonathan and David, Resolute Friends

**1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:16-17, 32-34, 42;  
2 Samuel 1:26-27; 21:7**

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Instructor: Ralph Gordon

**Previous Sunday School Lesson**

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**Hannah, the Faithful Supplicant**

**1 Samuel:1:9-20, 25b**

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**Amos, the Courageous Prophet**

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**Amos 1:11; 2:11-12; 3:7-8; 7:10-15**

Instructor: Rev. Annette Peoples

# **TODAY'S Sunday School Live Lesson**

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# Questions To Consider

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Do you have (or have you had) a dear friend with whom you are (or were) super close?

If so, how would you describe that relationship?

# Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand and internalize God's messages for us today through these passages of Scripture in the Books of Samuel.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: David, Jonathan

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

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## Points of Information – David

David was the greatest King of Israel. He is mentioned around a thousand times in the Bible.

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David wore many hats: shepherd, warrior (giant-killer), musician, dancer, military commander, author, king.

## Points of Information – David

David is the acknowledged author of many as 73 of the 150 Psalms.

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David, the eighth son of a man named Jesse, was anointed by Samuel to be the next king following the disobedience and sins committed by King Saul.

## Points of Information – David

While still a young boy, David killed the Philistine giant, Goliath.

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David was loyal to the man who came to despise him: King Saul. Jonathan witnessed this.

God promised David that his kingdom would rule forever. This is fulfilled through David's greatest Descendant: Christ Jesus!

## Points of Information – David

David committed a horrible sin when he took Bathsheba, first as his lover and then as his wife. In addition to this adultery, King David had Bathsheba's husband (Uriah) slain in battle. The prophet Nathan called David out on these heinous acts. David repented and God forgave him.

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David wanted to build a house / temple for God. Nathan told him that God wanted David's son (Solomon) to do so instead.

## **Points of Information – Jonathan**

Jonathan, the eldest son of King Saul, was a brave warrior in his own right.

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Jonathan was a Godly man of integrity.

## Points of Information – Jonathan

Jonathan was the rightful heir to be king after his father.

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However, his spirit and love for David led Jonathan to see David as deserving of the crown. And to treat him accordingly.

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## Lesson Context – 1 Samuel

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In the prior Chapter (17), young David had killed the Philistine giant, Goliath.

Jonathan had witnessed David's introduction to his father, King Saul, and become very fond of him.

## 1 Samuel 18:1 [NIV]

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

## 1 Samuel 18:2 [NIV]

From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family.

## 1 Samuel 18:3 [NIV]

And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

## 1 Samuel 18:4 [NIV]

Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

## 1 Samuel 20:16 [NIV]

So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David’s enemies to account.”

## 1 Samuel 20:17 [NIV]

And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

## 1 Samuel 20:32 [NIV]

“Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father.

## 1 Samuel 20:33 [NIV]

But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

## 1 Samuel 20:34 [NIV]

Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the feast he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father's shameful treatment of David.

## 1 Samuel 20:42 [NIV]

Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the Name of the LORD, saying,

‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever’.”

Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

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## Lesson Context – 2 Samuel

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During the intervening Chapters, King Saul and Jonathan have been killed in battle.

David mourned their deaths and kept his promise.

## 2 Samuel 1:26 [NIV]

I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;  
you were very dear to me.

Your love for me was wonderful,  
more wonderful than that of women.

## 2 Samuel 1:27 [NIV]

“How the mighty have fallen!  
The weapons of war have perished!”

## 2 Samuel 21:7 [NIV]

The king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the oath before the LORD between David and Jonathan son of Saul.

## Remember These Things:

True friends are treasures. Let us treat them accordingly.

## Remember These Things:

The great hymn should never be forgotten:

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

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