

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



Friendship

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **friendship** including the qualities of being a good friend.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

What are your top 3 qualities of a good friend?

What qualities would not make a good friend?

How do you know if you are a good friend?

Good friends are
like stars.
You don't always
see them,
but you know they're
always there.

READ ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

Let me tell you a story about two very special friends from the Bible—David and Jonathan. Their friendship was so strong and true that it has become one of the most famous friendships in history. This story teaches us a lot about what it means to be a good friend.

David was a young shepherd boy who became famous after he defeated the giant Goliath with just a slingshot and a stone. After this, he became very popular in Israel, and King Saul, who was the ruler at the time, invited David to live in his palace. King Saul had a son named Jonathan. Jonathan was a brave warrior, and even though he was the king's son, he was very kind and humble. When Jonathan met David, they immediately became best friends. They cared for each other deeply and made a promise to always look out for each other. Jonathan gave David his own robe, his sword, his bow, and his belt as a sign of their friendship. This was a very special gift because these were items that a prince would wear. Jonathan wasn't jealous that David was becoming popular; instead, he was happy for his friend and supported him. But King Saul began to feel jealous of David because everyone liked David so much. The king started to feel threatened by David and even wanted to harm him. Jonathan, who loved both his father and his best friend, was in a difficult situation. One day, Jonathan found out that his father, King Saul, was planning to harm David. Jonathan knew he had to warn David to keep him safe. Even though it was dangerous for him, Jonathan decided to help his friend. He went to David and told him about his father's plan. Jonathan and David made a plan. Jonathan would go back to his father and try to find out if King Saul was really going to harm David. If it was true, Jonathan would secretly signal David by shooting arrows into the field where David was hiding. Jonathan kept his promise. When he found out that his father really was going to harm David, he went out to the field and shot the arrows to warn David. This was their secret signal, and David knew it was time to leave to keep himself safe. Before David left, Jonathan met with him one last time. They hugged each other and cried, knowing they might not see each other again for a long time. Jonathan told David, "Go in peace, for we have made a promise to each other in the name of the Lord."

David and Jonathan's friendship was so strong that even though they had to part ways, they always remembered each other. Jonathan's loyalty, bravery, and love for his friend David showed what true friendship is all about.

RESEARCH IT



What film is this song from?

Why is it used?

What does it tell us about friendship?

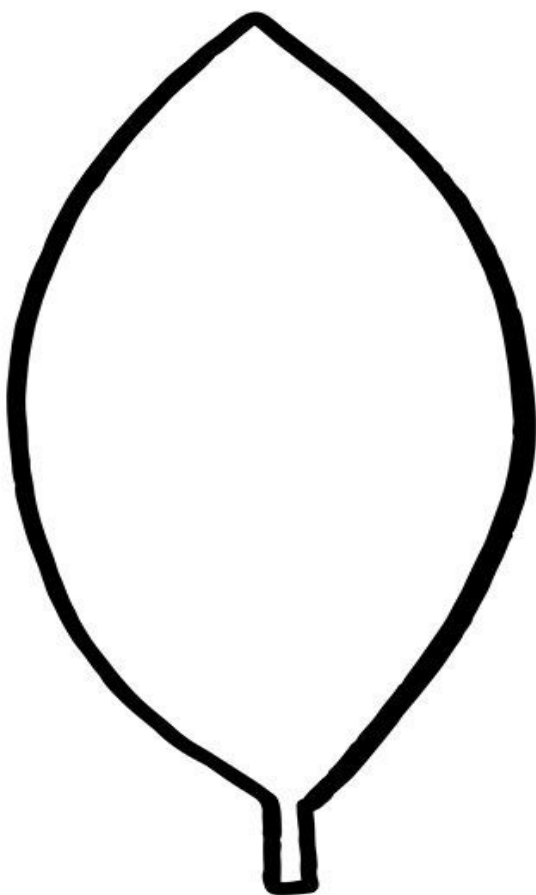
Can you learn and sing some of the lyrics?

CREATE IT TOGETHER

Here is a leaf template. We are going to create a friendship tree at school.

Your 'create it together' mission (just like Crystal Creator!) is to design your own leaf for our friendship tree. You could write about your best friend or: what a good friend looks like

Try to use lots of colour and make it bright and attractive. Once you have completed it, bring it in to school and we will put them on our friendship tree display.



BIBLE VERSES

- Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."
- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
- John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God,

Thank You for friends who bring us joy,
For laughter and games and every toy.
Help us to be kind and always share,
To listen closely and show we care.
Teach us to be loyal, to be true,
And to support our friends in all they do.

Bless our friendships and make them strong,

Help us to get along all day long.
Guide us to be friends who shine Your light,
In every way and every night.

Amen.

