

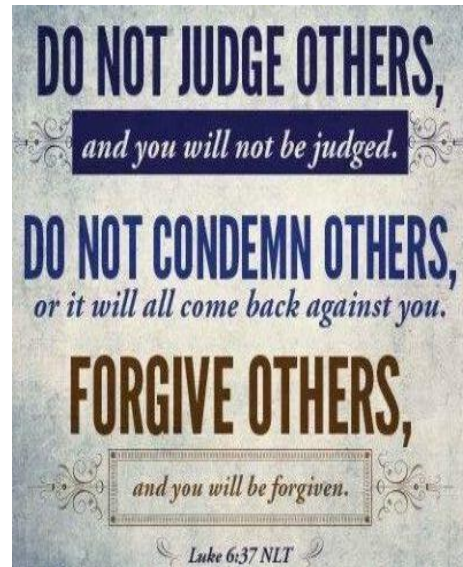
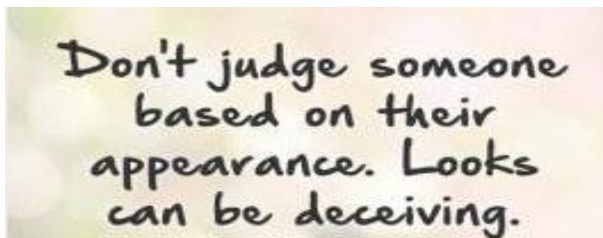
## LESSON 5 – JESUS, THE KIND OF FRIEND WE CAN ASPIRE TO BE

### Objectives:

- To help you recognize the importance of genuine friendship and the need to choose friends wisely.
- For Christians, JESUS is a friend we can count on and a model of the kind of friend we should be.

### What's your First Impression?

A first impression is what a person thinks when they first encounter or meet another person. It is the feeling that a person gets as a result of his/her initial evaluation of another individual. A first impression can be formed as a result of a conversation, but it can also be created from just catching a glimpse of another person, even from a distance. Body language and eye contact can have a significant impact on a first impression.



### Why do we need friends?

God wants us to be kind to everyone, but it's important to choose our friends wisely. Our friends, the people we trust and respect have an effect on us. We become more and more like the people around us, and that is why it's so important to surround ourselves with good friends. To become a God-fearing person, we should choose God-fearing friends. We want our friends to lift us up and help us to be better, not tear us down and make us worse. Sometimes, especially if we're feeling lonely, it's easy to feel like we just need friends, any friends, and we could settle for whoever is nearby. But we need to be careful about who we allow into our lives, it's important to choose our friends wisely.



## Examples of friendship in the Bible – David and Jonathan

True friends will never turn on you. They will stay faithful, no matter what it cost. David and Jonathan are the greatest examples of friends. They would not let anything come between their friendship.

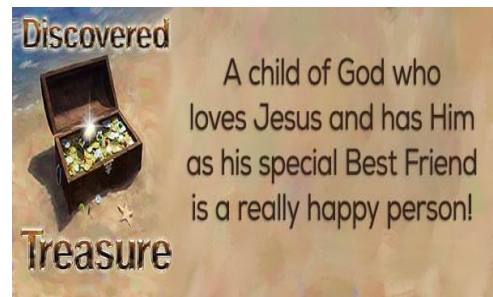
### Jesus as our Special Best Friend

Jesus loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us the way we are. He knows about our faults, but He loves us, and He will never take His love away from us.



We should always remember the below:

- ✓ Jesus Knows us
- ✓ Jesus Loves us
- ✓ Jesus wants the Best for us
- ✓ Jesus always has the Time for us
- ✓ Jesus never Changes



### Bible Study: 1 Samuel Chapter 7

1. How many years was the Ark in Kiriath-jearim? (**20 years**)
2. After the Philistines returned the Ark to Israel, Samuel told the people to return to the Lord and put away their foreign \_\_\_\_\_ (**Gods**)
3. Where did Samuel gather the people to pray to the Lord (**MIZPAH**)
4. The Israelites were afraid of the Philistine army and asked Samuel to \_\_\_\_\_ to God on their behalf (**Pray**)
5. How did God save the Israelites from the philistines?

The Lord thundered with a mighty voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion; and they were routed before Israel.

6. What did Samuel call the stone he set up near Mizpah? (**EBENEZER**)
7. On returning to his hometown Ramah, Samuel built an altar to the Lord and administered justice there to Israel (**True**)
8. Samuel Judged Israel all the days of his life (**True**)
9. The hometown of Samuel (**RAMAH**)

#### To Do List for Child :

**Activity:** Complete “Deciding about Friends” 5-A

**Read :** 1 Samuel – Chapter 7

#### To Do List for Parents:

*Please ensure your child learns the below prayers during the week:*

- *I Confess*
- *Act of Love*

LET'S TALK ABOUT...  
**KING SAUL**

1. GOD HAD RESCUED THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT AND MADE THEM HIS SPECIAL CHOSEN PEOPLE. HE HAD BROUGHT THEM TO THE PROMISED LAND WHERE THEY HAD EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED. THEY HAD THE CREATOR OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AS THEIR KING. BUT THEY STILL WEREN'T HAPPY! WHAT DID THEY WANT AND WHY?
2. GOD WARNED HIS PEOPLE THAT NO HUMAN KING COULD EVER TAKE CARE OF THEM THE WAY THAT HE COULD. WHEN THE ISRAELITES WERE GIVEN THE KING THEY WANTED, WHAT HAPPENED?
3. GOD'S PEOPLE DIDN'T TRUST THAT HE KNEW WHAT WAS BEST FOR THEM. WHEN THEY TOLD GOD THEY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO BE THEIR KING DID HE LEAVE THEM, STOP LOVING THEM OR TAKING CARE OF THEM? WHY NOT?

**ALWAYS REMEMBER**

THE ISRAELITES WANTED A KING LIKE ALL THE OTHER TRIBES BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. BUT GOD WANTED THEM (AND HE WANTS US) TO BE DIFFERENT. HE WANTS EVERYONE TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND WHO HE IS BECAUSE OF HOW HE TOOK CARE OF HIS PEOPLE AND BECAUSE OF HOW WE TAKE CARE OF OTHERS. GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST FOR US BECAUSE HE LOVES US MORE THAN WE CAN EVER IMAGINE AND HIS PLANS FOR US ARE GOOD!


**ACTIVITY**

DECORATE SAUL'S CROWN WITH LOADS OF SHINY JEWELS AND COLORFUL TREASURES!

**MEMORY VERSE**

HIS PLAN IS GOOD AND PLEASING AND PERFECT.  
ROMANS 12:2

— KING SAUL —



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