

# JOURNEY™

# DISCIPLES

## PARENT GUIDE

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### LESSON 5.2: FRIENDS

**SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 18:1-5, 1 SAMUEL 19: 1-7**

**SUMMARY:**

This week students are talking about *phileo* love, or friendship love. The passages from 1 Samuel give a wonderful example of *phileo* love between Jonathan and David. The friendship between Jonathan and David was deep and true. They demonstrated sacrificial love for one another over a lifetime. Friendships like Jonathan and David's don't come along every day. Friendships like

this help shape who we become. We must choose our friends wisely, since the people that we spend time with will ultimately alter the course of our lives in significant and powerful ways. Talk to your student this week about the importance of being and having good friends.

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## CORE VERSE

1 Peter 3:8

## CORE CONCEPTS

God designed our friendships to help shape us.

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**PHILEO:**

Friendship love, the bond between  
non-family close friends

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- What do you admire most about your best friend?
- What is the biggest challenge you and your best friend have faced? How did you overcome that challenge?
- How could God use you in a positive way in the life of one or more of your friends?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?