

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Older IK Leader Guide

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

September 30, 2026- Disciples are faithful friends.

Bible- 1 Samuel 20:11-17, 2 Samuel 9: 1-13- David and Jonathan are friends

Disciples build relationships that point each other to Jesus.

Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:00 PM (Prayer)

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

** PL and LT groups will follow 4th & 5th schedule

*** PreK groups outside play is decided at campus

Family Table

What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group. Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, collect trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share new things or old things they are learning.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- **For fun:** What would you do if your friend had a bike and it broke?
- **This week:** What does it mean to be loyal? Give some examples of ways to be loyal to your friends.

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Social Game

Supplies: Bibles, paper for paper airplanes (2 per kid)

SAY: True friends will never turn on you. They will stay faithful, no matter what it costs. David and Jonathan are the greatest example of friends. They would not let anything come between their friendship. Let's play a game to get started today.

It's Beyond You

Choose two teams of two for this game. One member of each team will be Jonathan and the other will be the servant. Give both Jonathan's 30 seconds to make the best paper airplane they can. Have the servants go and stand 10-15 feet away from the Jonathan on their team. When you say "go" each Jonathan will throw their paper airplane and try to get it past the servant. If the paper airplane falls short the servant must pick it up and bring back to Jonathan and then go stand in place again. If the paper airplane goes past the servant Jonathan must yell out "Look! The arrow is beyond you. The first team to yell out wins.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: Best friends are not best friends because they can get something from their friend. They are best friends because they put each other first. They keep their promises and no matter what it costs, they are faithful to each other.

Video & Bible

Say: We see a great friendship in the Bible as David describes his friend Jonathan. Check this out.
Watch "David and Jonathan"

Say: David and Jonathan were true best friends, and both men lived up to their word. When Jonathan found out his father wanted to kill David, he warned his friend and sent him away. Sending David away would also cost Jonathan his rightful place as the king of Israel, but Jonathan put his friendship even ahead of that.

What to Do: Pass out Activity Pages and Bibles to each kid with a pencil.

SAY:

- Today we're reading from 2 Samuel 9:11-17. (Pg 366) Let's find it together in our Bibles.
- 2 Samuel is in the Old Testament, the part of the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus came. 2 Samuel is considered a history book. Circle Old Testament on your worksheet.
- To find it, start at the beginning of your Bible and flip past Ruth. Look for 1 Samuel, then find the big number 9 (chapter 9).
- Next, find the small numbers 1-13. If you find it first, help someone nearby. Separate each of these and ask different kids to read each one.
- Once everyone is there, take turns reading the verses aloud together and listen for what God teaches us about David and Jonathan.

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Discussion

Let's spend a few minutes processing what we have learned from the Bible today.

- How did David fulfill his promise to Jonathan?
- What are some qualities of a faithful friend?
- What are some of the things that cause us to be less faithful friends?
- How can we become the kind of friends David and Jonathan were for one another?
- Why do you think faithful friendships are important, and how can good friends help us follow Jesus?
- Can you think of a time when a friend showed kindness, loyalty, or encouragement to you? How did it make a difference?

Practice

Pray for our Friends

To Do

Say: Being a good friend and having a good friend is very important at school and as you continue to grow up. One of the ways I have grown most in my friendships is by praying for my friends and asking God to show me how to be a good friend, too. Let's spend a few minutes praying, I mean really praying for our friends. Consider what your friends are facing. How can God help them? How can He help you be there for your friend? How can God use this friendship to help you both grow closer to God?

PRAY- God thank you for...

God we know You can help us have friends and be friends. Help guide us...

**Lord, forgive us when we mess up. We confess that to you and ask Your forgiveness.
Show us other people who could be our friend and help us grow closer to you. Amen.**

Family Discipleship

What to Do: Your handout today is designed to help you remember what we learned. Take it home and share it with a family member, then ask them to go through it with you. We also want to hear how the other challenges are going. What are you learning? How is God helping you grow? Be ready to share your experiences with the group!

Leader Tip: Encourage families to look at the kid's work as they show up to pick up their kids.