

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

It matters to have more people than your family.

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 18:3 +
Hebrews 10:24-25

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see that they should have close friends and mentors that encourage them in their life and their faith.

THINK ABOUT THIS

In this phase, students' relationships with their family, as well as those outside of their family, can be complicated. They can have deep wounds from the past and also give a lot of influence to peers who may not be the best influences. We want students to see the value of friends + mentors who support their faith. This is also an opportunity to encourage your small group to grow closer as students share, bond, and an ultimate goal of your group is to live out Hebrews 10:24-25 together.

Create meaningful conversations. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What surprised you about the message?

THE WORD

- Have you heard of David and/or Jonathon before? What do you know about them?
- READ 1 Samuel 18:3.
- When you hear about David and Jonathon's story, how can that expand the way we think about family?
- READ Hebrews 10:24-25.
- What does this verse encourage us NOT to forget?
- What does this verse encourage us to do?

APPLICATION

- Who is someone you can encourage in their faith?
- Hand out a "Family Matters" postcard to each student. Instruct them to think about someone, whether it is a person in their family or someone else who is like family to them that they can write then mail a short note of encouragement to. This can be done either in small group or throughout the week.

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we as a small group encourage one another in our faith?
- What are things we can do to show we care for each other as a faith family?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

HEBREWS 10:24-25 NIV

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

1 SAMUEL 18:3 NIV

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

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