

# faith & family

## Life Source

### Family Devotions

Hopefully your preteen is beginning to develop a habit of personal devotions. But there are still plenty of times when your input is needed—and valued. Encourage your child to read the daily Scriptures. Read the verses yourself. Use the questions to help your preteen understand the verses and apply them to life. Discover and learn from God’s Word—together!

- **SUNDAY**—Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4.  
Do you have a friend with whom you are “one in spirit”? Have you ever made a pact or covenant with a friend, as did Jonathan and David?
- **MONDAY**—Read Proverbs 27:5, 6.  
Have you ever “wounded” a friend out of love? Why might you intentionally do or say something that will hurt a person you love? How might this hurt actually help the person?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 1 Samuel 20:1-3.  
Why was David’s news difficult for Jonathan to accept? Have you ever had to give difficult news to a friend?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 Samuel 20:4.  
Why are Jonathan’s words in this verse so important? Jonathan knew he could trust David. Can you trust your friends? What are you willing to do for your friends?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10.  
How has a friend helped you this week? How can you return the favor to this friend? How can you help a friend who has never helped you before?

- **FRIDAY**—Read Proverbs 17:17.  
Can you remember a time when a friend helped you even though it was not convenient for him? What did your friend do? When can you show love to a friend?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Samuel 20:41, 42.  
Have you ever had to say good-bye to a good friend? As Christians, why can we say, “Go in peace”?



**POWER SURGE**

Find these verses in the Bible.  
Together, memorize the verses.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10**

Talk to God! He’s waiting to hear from you!