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Bible Buddies

Scripture is rich with all kinds of relationships. Some are good, others are bad, some are downright nasty. We'll take a look at a couple groups of friends found in God's Word as well a friendship of Martin Luther.

**Friendship of David & Jonathan 1 Samuel 20:7-11 (NRSV)**

David fled from Naioth in Ramah. He came before Jonathan and said, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin against your father that he is trying to take my life?" He said to him, "Far from it! You shall not die. My father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me; and why should my father hide this from me? Never!" But David also swore, "Your father knows well that you like me; and he thinks, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved.' But truly, as the LORD lives and as you yourself live, there is but a step between me and death." Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you." David said to Jonathan, "Tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at the meal; but let me go, so that I may hide in the field until the third evening. If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city; for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' If he says, 'Good!' it will be well with your servant; but if he is angry, then know that evil has been determined by him. Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a sacred covenant with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself; why should you bring me to your father?" Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! If I knew that it was decided by my father that evil should come upon you, would I not tell you?" Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?" Jonathan replied to David, "Come, let us go out into the field." So they both went out into the field.

SCRIPTURE

ACCESS LUTHER—CATECHISM

**Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon**

- Start off briefly sharing who Martin Luther is.
- Talk briefly about the relationship between Luther and his friend Philipp Melanchthon.
- **Suggested things to touch on:**
- Melanchthon's defense of Luther (Why was this a big deal? AND at the time?)
- The disagreements between Martin and Philipp
- Common goal (Reformation) that united and strengthened their friendship and became colleagues and personal friends.
- Why are friendships important to you personally?

**Resources:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philipp\\_Melanchthon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philipp_Melanchthon)

<http://www.christianity.com/ChurchHistory/11629903/>

**LARGE GROUP NOTES**

**Jonathon and David**

- Who were they?
- A friendship involving sacrifice,
- Takes energy to counsel and help, energy to listen
- An example of humility to put your friends before yourself!

**Disciples**

- Who were they?
- The group chose to live with, follow, learn from, and be trained by Jesus.
- They didn't always get along (Whose the best? Most loved?)

**Grace**—friendships need grace to survive and thrive.

(not survive, seek to...) **THRIVE = RELATIONSHIPS | DIRECTION | GROWTH**

"Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As Jesus said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Luke 8:8

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1 Samuel 20:1-11

30 SEC POINTS

BIBLE VERSE

ACCESS LUTHER (Pastor)

Mr.ROB / Creative Interruption

SCORE SHEET

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| 1. A B C D | 5. A B C D |
| 2. A B C D | 6. A B C D |
| 3. A B C D | 7. A B C D |
| 4. A B C D | 8. A B C D |

LARGE GROUP



## THRIVE SMALL GROUP

- 1 OPENING PRAYER:** Have someone in the group say a prayer or open together with the Lord's Prayer.
- 2 LARGE GROUP REWIND:** Have one or two people in the group share a couple **30 SEC Points** from Large Group time.

**3 TURN TO:**  
Mark 9:33-35

*Read silently AND have someone read it out loud.*

Why not act it out! You'll need Jesus and 2 or 3 Disciples.

How would you describe the Disciples from what you just read?

We find jealousy at school, in sports, band, theater, with our friends and at home! Right? Why?

What are some things about your friends that you are jealous of?

What should you do when you feel this way? (What does Jesus say in verse 35?)

What can you do when friends are jealous of you?

Bookmark  
Highs/  
Lows **4**

Use your **LOWS** and **HIGHS** Bookmark and take a minute or two to **think of a time when being with a friend was really great or really lousy**. Let the different categories help you think of a story.

LOWS  
and  
HIGHS **5**

If time allows, use your **LOWS** and **HIGHS** Bookmark to think of things since you last met to talk about. **What's going on in your life?**

Closing  
Prayer **6**

Circle up and go around your group for prayer. **In prayer, pray for ways for God to help this group grow in friendship.** Add any other prayers you want! AMEN!!!