

The logo features the word "SKIDS" in a blue circle with a lightning bolt, followed by "HOUSE PARTY" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. The background is a blue and green gradient with a dotted pattern and confetti.

# SKIDS HOUSE PARTY

**PARENT GUIDE**

September 13

## Life App Definition

Friendship — using your words and actions to show others you care

## Main Idea

This week we hear about one of the most famous friendships in the entire Bible: David and Jonathan. These guys went through a lot together. From making a promise to help each other to escaping the dangers of Jonathan's own father, King Saul, they showed us exactly what it meant for friends to love each other. Just like David and Jonathan, friends can show how they love each other by the way they care for one another and go above and beyond to help each other succeed. It's this sort of love we experience through Jesus. We pray that kids will follow Him and learn how they can help their friends know how much they're loved.

## Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes" (Proverbs 17:17 NIRV).

## Bottom Line

Friends love one another.

## Monthly Profession

I am never alone. God is always with me; He never leaves me.

## Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- What was the name of the hot-tempered king?
- What was the name of the young prince?
- Why was David given a place to stay in the palace?
- Whom did God choose to be the next king of Israel?
- Was Jonathan jealous that David would be king instead of him?
- How did Jonathan treat David?
- How did King Saul feel about David?
- What did King Saul try to do to David?
- What promise did David make to Jonathan?

- ▽ When was a time when someone showed you that you were important to them
- ▽ How did it make you feel?
- ▽ Can you think of a time when you showed a friend they were important to you
- ▽ What did you do to show them?
- ▽ How do you show your close friends that you love them?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- No supplies

### Activity

- Tell your family that you are going to play a game.
- Explain to them that it's kind of like Simon Says, except that when you give the command, kids have to do the opposite!
- Inform them that actions will be mixed in with how they treat friends, so they're going to have to think fast and do the opposite.
- Check to make sure they understand by saying, "So if I tell you to stand up, what will you do?" (Sit down.) "If I tell you to bump into your neighbor, what will you do?" (Hug them, high five, elbow bump, etc.)
- Read the following commands in any order, AND feel free to add your own!
  - Jump up (opposite: squat down low).
  - Stay down (opposite: jump up).
  - Touch your head (opposite: touch toes).
  - Stick out your tongue at a friend (opposite: do something nice like bump elbows or high five).
  - Say something mean to a friend (opposite: say something nice to a friend).
  - Stand up (opposite: sit down).
  - Raise right hand (opposite: raise left hand).
  - Stand on left leg (opposite: stand on right leg).
  - Be quiet (opposite: talk).
  - Sing a song (opposite: could be dance or be silent).
  - Make fun of others (opposite: say kind words to another).
- Read the verses from 1 Corinthians 13.
- Share with them that this verse shows us what love looks like. When friends love one another, they are patient and kind. They aren't jealous or braggy, and they don't easily get angry. That's how David and Jonathan treated each other, and we can do that, too!

## Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for your friends who love you at all times.

Dear God,

Thank You for reminding us that friends love at all times! Thank You for sending Jesus, the best friend ever. Help us to be kind and patient and put others first, because friends love one another. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.