

# Harmony: Together is better



First, watch this week's video at:

[hillsideonline.com/kids](https://hillsideonline.com/kids)

Friendship:  
Using your words and actions to show others you care

### Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

### Bible Story

David and Mephibosheth 1 Samuel 19-20; 2 Samuel 9

### Bottom Line

Friends keep their promises.

Use this guide to help your family learn about friendship.

## Activity

### Pick Your Promise

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Say, "I'll give you two promises. You choose which promise would be harder to keep to a friend. Ready?"

Which promise would be harder to keep to a friend?

- A promise to share your toy, or a promise to share your snack?
- A promise to sit together at lunch, or a promise to play together at recess?
- A promise to play to kickball together, or a promise to learn a new video game together?
- A promise to let them go first in line, or a promise to let them choose which game you play?
- A promise to help them with their homework, or a promise to help them with their soccer skills?

When you're finished, say, "The important thing to remember today is that friends keep their promises! Keeping your promises helps build trust between you and your friends. It also helps your friendship grow."



## Talk About the Bible Story

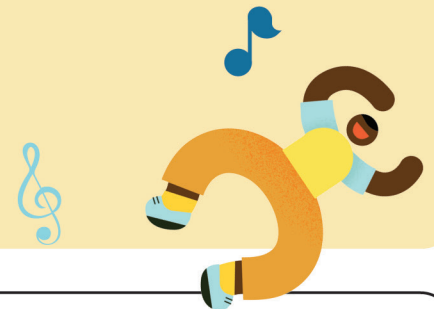
Who kept their promise in our story today, and how? (*David kept his promise to Jonathan by being kind to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth.*)

Why is it important to keep our promises to our friends?

Have you ever had a friend not keep their promise? How did that feel?

How can you remember to keep a promise to a friend?

*Parent: Tell your child one way that you'll keep a promise to a friend this week, whether by keeping a promise to call them on the phone, go to lunch together, or go for a walk together.*



## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, You always keep Your promises. Thank You for keeping Your promise to send Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. We love You SO much, Lord. Help us be more like You and to be friends who keep our promises. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."