

David. He was very much grieved for his friend, and at the appointed time went into the field with the boy, and gave David the signal they had agreed upon. The boy did not know that David was there, and Jonathan gave him his bow and arrows and sent him away. When he was gone David came from behind his hiding-place and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times, and he and Jonathan kissed one another and wept one with another until David exceeded. Jonathan said to David "go in peace" and other kind words, and they parted. Draw a scene of a field and rock, make two strokes for David and Jonathan and one for the lad. Have symbols of bow and arrows, or draw them on board.

VI. APPLICATION: In this story we have such a beautiful picture of true friendship. David and Jonathan loved one another very much. Had they not done so, they could not have been such friends. Boys and girls like to have friends, and it is good for us all to have good true friends, friends who will help us in time of trouble, as Jonathan did David. But there is one friend who is better than all the other friends however good they may be, the best friend—Jesus.



Who can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share"? He is one friend, and he loves us very much, and we are his friends if we love him. Do we love him? Some people do not, and are not friends with him, and shew that they are not by doing things which displease him. David and Jonathan did things to please one another, and if we really love Jesus we will be very careful of our actions, and will not want to do anything that will displease, but do all we can to please this dearest of all friends, this friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Let us each one of us be sure that this friend is my friend, and love him. Write "Do I Love Him?" on board. Afterwards cross out "Do" and the "interrogation point."

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I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Behold I bring good tidings of great joy."

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Making others happy.

III. REVIEW: Tell the names of two friends in last lesson. Tell the name of the Best Friend. How can we show that we love him?

IV. LESSON STORY: One night, as some shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks in the fields of Bethlehem, an angel of the Lord came to them, and great brightness shone round about. Seeing the angel and this great brightness they were very much frightened. But the angel told them not to be afraid, for he had come to bring them good news which would make them very happy. This was the good news: A little baby was born that day in Bethlehem. That baby was Jesus, and he had come to bring great joy to the world, to save the people from their sins. He then told them that they would find this little baby lying in a manger, in an inn, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will towards men." After all the angels had gone away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another "let us go to Bethlehem and see the baby." So they hurried, and there found the father and mother and, just as the angel told them, the little baby lying in the manger. Then they spread the good news abroad, and everybody was surprised and wondered about it. Then "the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard." Draw a scene on the board, hills in the distance, fields, dots in the sky for stars, a stroke for an angel, strokes (with golden-colored chalk) for rays of light coming from the sky, a sheep-fold. Have symbols of shepherds' crooks (crooks cut out of paper or cardboard), and pin them to the board. Beforehand, further along on the board, draw a little scene of Bethlehem with inn, two strokes for Joseph and Mary, and a cross for Jesus. Pin black paper over this to hide it. When the shepherds go to Bethelhem