

1 Samuel 18:1-5 & 19:1-7

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(1 Samuel 18:1) When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

(1 Samuel 18:2) Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

(1 Samuel 18:3) Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

(1 Samuel 18:4) Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

(1 Samuel 18:5) David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

(1 Samuel 19:1) Saul spoke with his son Jonathan and with all his servants about killing David. But Saul's son Jonathan took great delight in David.

(1 Samuel 19:2) Jonathan told David, "My father Saul is trying to kill you; therefore be on guard tomorrow morning; stay in a secret place and hide yourself.

(1 Samuel 19:3) I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you; if I learn anything I will tell you."

(1 Samuel 19:4) Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him, "The king should not sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have been of good service to you;

(1 Samuel 19:5) for he took his life in his hand when he attacked the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against an innocent person by killing David without cause?”

(1 Samuel 19:6) Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan; Saul swore, “As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.”

(1 Samuel 19:7) So Jonathan called David and related all these things to him. Jonathan then brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?