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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Covenant: A Personal Perspective" August 2019

This quarter will teach how Jesus fulfilled the law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the gospel and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message.

Unit III, "Covenant: A Personal Perspective," has four sessions. It focuses on personal relationships between people in 1 Samuel, Ruth, and Ephesians. Ultimately, those relationships pave the way for the Messiah. After Christ established the New Testament church, relationships between people have been based on relationship with Christ Jesus. These relationships continue the work of Christ Jesus by spreading the gospel message.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 4, 2019 "A Trusted and Loyal Friend" 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-7

Unifying Principle

Sometimes we are challenged to compromise our loyalty to a beloved authority figure to keep a promise made to a trusted friend. Whom does one choose? Jonathan chose to keep his promise to love and protect David, his intimate friend, despite his father's insane hatred of David.

Goals for the Learners

- To summarize Jonathan's plan to protect David from Saul.
- To appreciate how the demands of honesty and friendship can surpass family bonds and civil obedience.
- To examine one's relationships and recommit to pure and honest loyalty in the sight of God.

Challenges for the Week

- Create a timeline showing key events in 1 Samuel 18-20.
- Compare the love that David and Jonathan had to the love Jesus spoke of in John 15:13. In what sense did Jonathan love as Jesus loves?
- Compose a poem or litany praising loyalty and friendship.



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically.

