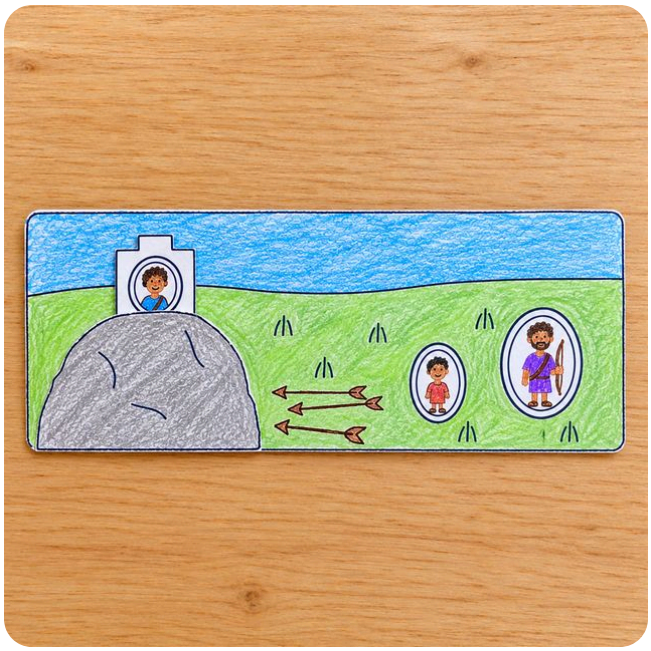
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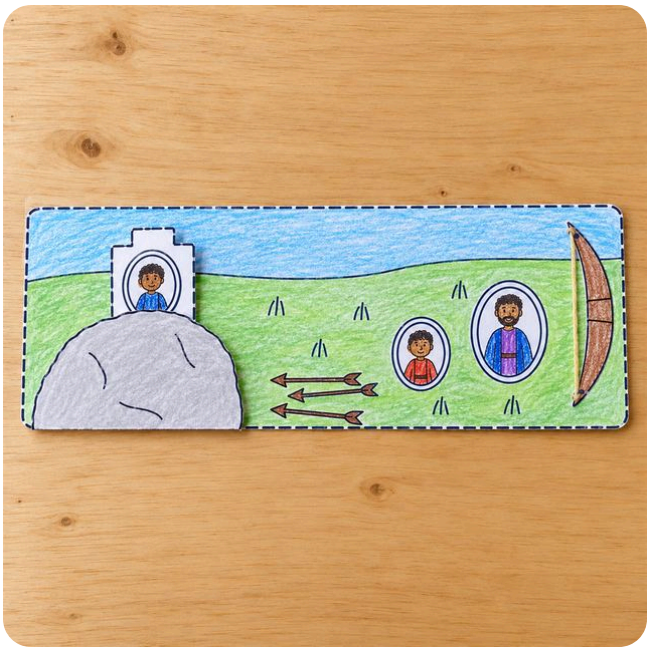
# David and Jonathan Craft

David hides by the stone Ezel · 1 Samuel 20 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

## What it looks like finished



**Easy and medium**



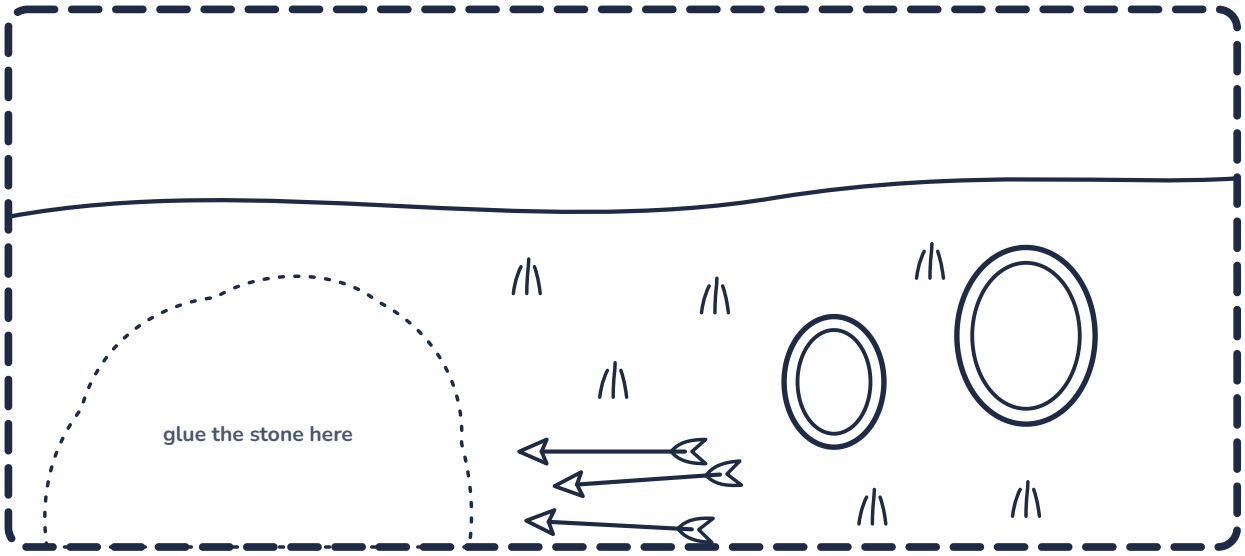
**Harder**

Both levels are a paper field with a gray stone glued on as a pocket. David, drawn in the slider's window, hides behind the stone Ezel and slides up out of his hiding place (1 Samuel 20:19, 20:41). Jonathan and the little lad are drawn in the two windows, and three brown arrows lie in the field beyond the lad (20:20, 20:36–37). Medium (left): the field, the stone and David. Harder (right): the same, with Jonathan's paper bow and a yarn bowstring beside his window.


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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines






field: green · sky: blue
arrows: brown
big window: draw Jonathan
small window: draw the lad

stone: gray · glue only its left, right and bottom edges on the dotted stone shape

slider: draw David in the window, slide him down behind the stone

**A friend loveth at all times,**
**and a brother is born for adversity.**
Proverbs 17:17 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the field

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the field, the stone, the slider and the verse strip. Glue the stone's left, right and bottom edges on the field to make a pocket, and slide David in behind it.



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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

# Jonathan's bow (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



bow: brown

tape one end of the yarn on each dot,
across the open side of the bow:
that is the bowstring

glue the bow on the field,
just right of Jonathan's window

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

verse strip: glue it on the back of the field, under Proverbs 17:17

## How to make Jonathan's bow

1. Make the field, the stone and the slider from page 2 first (steps on page 4).
2. Color the bow brown. Cut it out on the dashed lines.
3. Tape one end of the 3-inch yarn on the dot at the top of the bow and the other end on the dot at the bottom, across the open side. That is the bowstring.
4. Glue the bow on the field, just right of Jonathan's window, with the bowstring facing the lad and the arrows.
5. Glue the 1 Samuel 18:3 strip on the back of the field, under Proverbs 17:17.


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## For the teacher

**See it finished:** a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/david-and-jonathan-craft
**Time:** 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
**You need:** page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), green, blue, brown and gray crayons or markers (plus any colors to draw the people), scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a 3-inch piece of tan yarn for each child, and tape.
**Before class:** for preschoolers, cut out all the pieces and glue each stone on its field (left, right and bottom edges only), so the pocket is ready. For the harder level, cut the yarn into 3-inch pieces.

## Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the stone on the field. Kids color the field, the arrows and the stone, and draw Jonathan, the lad and David with your help. Glue the verse strip on the back for them. Then they hide David behind the stone and pull him up, and you read the verse together.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces, glue the stone to make a pocket, and slide David in behind it. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the field like the medium level. Then make Jonathan's bow from page 3 with a yarn bowstring, glue it beside Jonathan's window, and glue the 1 Samuel 18:3 strip on the back. This is the craft in the second photo.

## Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the field green, the sky above the hill blue, the three arrows brown and the stone gray. Draw Jonathan in the big window and the little lad in the small window. Draw David in the window on the slider.
2. **Cut:** cut out the field, the stone, the slider and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Make the pocket:** turn the stone over and put glue only along its left, right and bottom edges. Press it on the dotted stone shape, with its bottom on the bottom edge of the field. Leave the top open.
4. **Hide David:** slide the slider down into the pocket behind the stone (1 Samuel 20:19).
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the field.
6. **Tell the story:** Jonathan shoots the arrows beyond the lad and calls, "Is not the arrow beyond thee?" (20:37). When the lad is gone, pull David up by the tab (20:41). Turn the field over and read the verse together.


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## Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the windows. Who went out to the field with Jonathan? *(A little lad, a boy, 1 Samuel 20:35)*
- Point to the stone. Where did David hide? *(In the field, by the stone Ezel, 20:19, 20:24)*
- Point to the arrows. How many arrows did Jonathan say he would shoot? *(Three, 20:20)* What did "the arrows are beyond thee" mean? *(David had to go away, 20:22)*
- Pull David up. What did David and Jonathan do when the lad was gone? *(They wept together and said goodbye, 20:41–42)*
- What did Jonathan give David when they became friends? *(His robe, his garments, his sword, his bow and his girdle, a belt, 18:4)*

## Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **lad** is a boy; **beyond thee** means past you, farther away; a **covenant** is a serious promise made before God; **loved him as his own soul** means Jonathan cared about David as much as he cared about himself; **loveth** means loves, and **adversity** means hard times.
- **What the Bible says:** David hid in the field by the stone Ezel (1 Samuel 20:19, 20:24). Jonathan said he would shoot three arrows (20:20); then, as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him (20:36). The three printed arrows follow 20:20. The Bible doesn't say what the stone or the field looked like, so the shapes and colors are just a choice.
- **The bow:** Jonathan gave David his bow when they made their covenant (18:4), and he had a bow and arrows in the field (20:20, 20:40). The harder level's bow is Jonathan's in the field.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** kids draw Jonathan, the little lad and David in the windows.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything, glue the stones on ahead of time, and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child hide David and pull him up again.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free David and Jonathan lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/david-and-jonathan.


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