

# Story of Jonathan and David Collage

*1 Samuel 18 or 20*

Make a collage picturing one of the times that Jonathan helped David. You could show Jonathan giving David his robe, sword, bow and belt (see 1 Sam. 18). Or you might want to picture Jonathan meeting David in the field to let him know whether King Saul still wanted to take his life (see 1 Sam. 20). Your collage will be “three dimensional” with some parts of the collage in the background and key parts of your picture standing out from the background.

## **Materials**

stiff paper to make figures for the collage  
scissors  
cardboard pieces to put behind figures meant to “stand out” (e.g. cardboard from a box)  
white glue, glue stick or transparent tape  
stiff paper for the background or base of the collage (such as cover stock or poster board)  
optional: aluminum foil, colored construction paper, colored markers or wax crayons

## **Procedure**

1. Decide which story you are going to illustrate with your collage.

**Jonathan and David in Saul’s house** (1 Sam. 18:1-4).

**Jonathan and David meeting in the field** (1 Sam. 20:35-42).

2. Think about what you will show in your collage.
  - a. What will your background look like?
  - b. Will you just have Jonathan and David in the collage? Or perhaps show Saul or the small boy in the background, depending on the story you choose.
3. Plan your collage, thinking about:
  - a. What will be glued (or drawn) directly on the background? Perhaps a table with food in Saul’s house. Or Jonathan’s quiver of arrows beside a rock in the field.
  - b. What will be show in the foreground, sticking out the furthest? The foreground should show us the most important people in the story.
4. Make the background, drawing it or gluing some pieces directly onto it.
5. Cut the figures for your collage from the stiff paper. Cut or tear other pieces for your collage. (These could include clothing for Jonathan and David, swords—perhaps cut from aluminum foil, a doorway and furniture in Saul’s house, or rocks and grass in the field where David waited for Jonathan.)
6. Assemble your collage:
  - a. Glue pieces of the collage that you want directly on the background.
  - b. Glue pieces of cardboard to the backs of the collage figures that you want to stand out from the picture, making them a more prominent part of the pictures.  
  
*(Note: corrugated cardboard from a cardboard box works well for these supports.)*
  - c. Now place the key figures where you want them and glue their supports to the collage. Let dry and then display on a wall.

*Adapted from Janet H. McMaster’s Collage Project: Stand-Out Figure, a Sunday School project*