

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Mara Arends	
2 minutes	<p>Leader: Today we remember how David showed mercy to Saul in the cave, even when Saul wanted to hurt him. Kids: David trusted God instead of getting revenge.</p> <p>Leader: David could have chosen anger, but he chose mercy. Kids: We want hearts that show mercy too!</p> <p>Leader: Jesus showed even greater mercy to us. He forgives our sins, loves us, and calls us His children. Kids: Thank You, Jesus, for Your mercy and love!</p> <p>Leader: When others hurt us, Jesus helps us forgive and show kindness. Kids: Help us follow You, Jesus!</p> <p>Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is full of mercy, grace, and love. Kids: We worship You, Lord!</p>	Bible

10 minutes singing	I Believe – NEW VIDEO :)	Video
2 minutes	New memory verse! Say it together. There is a song to help learn the memory verse. See slide from right now media	
	Tell the story – Page59	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Watch another video. This is a clip from the movie “David”. When David battles against Goliath.	
	Ask questions: See page 60 1. What did David do to Saul? 2. Why did David say he would never hurt Saul? 3. What did Saul say to David?	
2 minutes	Pray with the kids God, we know that there is no one greater than You. Help us have the courage and faith, like David, to trust You in any circumstance. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace.”	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 24. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “David Showed Mercy.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

DAVID SHOWED MERCY

“David became a great military leader for the Israelites and was more successful in battle than all of Saul’s army. **Saul was very jealous of David. Saul was hunting down David to kill him, because he did not want David to become king instead of him.**

While Saul and his army chased after David to kill him, Saul went into a cave to go to the bathroom. It just so happened that he went into the very cave where David and his men were hiding. Saul did not see David and the men in the cave.

The men whispered to David: “Look, the LORD has handed Saul over to you, just as He said He would.” **David snuck up behind Saul while he was going to the bathroom and cut off a corner of his robe.**

Afterward, David felt terrible for cutting off a corner of Saul’s robe. David said to his men: “I should have never done such a thing to a man anointed by the LORD!” The men wanted to go fight Saul, but David did not let them.

Then Saul left the cave and went on his way. David followed him out of the cave and called to him, saying, “My lord the king!” When Saul turned around, **David knelt low before him and said, “Why do you listen to the people who say I want to hurt you? I could have killed you in the cave, but I showed mercy because you are the LORD’s anointed. See, I have the corner of your robe in my hand! I cut it off, but I didn’t kill you. I haven’t sinned against you even though you are hunting me down to take my life.”**

David told Saul that God is their judge. Only God could decide what is right and rescue David from Saul. **Then David said he would never harm Saul.**

Saul wept and said to David, “You are more righteous than I am. You have done good to me even though I have done evil to you. May the LORD repay you with good for what you’ve done for me today. Now I know for certain you will be king over the kingdom of Israel.”

Christ Connection: Saul was trying to kill David, but David chose to show Saul mercy. When the people were killing Jesus, He showed them mercy and said, “Father, forgive them.” We all sin, but God shows us mercy through Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Make a cave: Use chairs and blankets to make a “cave.” Consider telling the story inside the “cave” to help bring the story to life.

Read it: Read Luke 23:34, reminding kids of the mercy Jesus showed His enemies.



2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ David became a great military leader and was very well liked by the people of Israel. Saul was jealous of David and allowed his jealousy to overpower him. Saul wanted to hurt David, so David had to run away and hide. As David and his men were hiding, they watched Saul enter the cave. What did David do to Saul? [Allow responses.] David snuck up on Saul and cut off a small corner of his robe. David didn't hurt Saul, but David did make it known that he could have.

David immediately felt bad for cutting Saul's robe. When Saul left the cave, David called out to Saul and said he would never hurt Saul. **DAVID SHOWED MERCY EVEN THOUGH SAUL WAS TRYING TO HURT HIM.** Why did David say he would never hurt Saul? [Allow responses.] David knew that it was not his place to seek revenge on Saul. David understood that God is our judge. God has the power to ultimately declare someone innocent or guilty. David trusted God to help him and judge Saul for trying to hurt him.

When David showed Saul mercy, what did Saul say to David? [Allow responses.] Saul said, 'You are more righteous than I, for you have done what is good to me though I have done what is evil to you.' Because David trusted in God, David did what was right. It is always right to show mercy. We all sin, but God shows us mercy through Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is saved from sin and death. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ Saul was trying to kill David, but David chose to show Saul mercy. When the people were killing Jesus, He showed them mercy and said, 'Father, forgive them.' Jesus never sinned but took the punishment we deserve for our sin. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we receive the mercy of God. Have you accepted this gift? 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 11, Session 2" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. What if someone was bullying me; should I bully back?
2. How does the good news of Jesus change how we treat others?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY 🗣️ A small town called Clarkston, Georgia, is known as the most diverse square mile in America because people from many different countries live in the area. Between 60–70 percent of the people living in Clarkston were born in another country. More than 50 countries and 100 ethnic groups are represented in a 1.4 square-mile area. There are 60 languages spoken in this small area outside of Atlanta. Many of the people living in Clarkston are refugees. A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster. 🙏



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

Play the missions video. Tell kids that an organization called the Atlanta Ministry Center works with local churches and volunteers to serve the refugees living in Clarkston. Explain that when refugees come to a new country, they may not have a place to live, food, or other basic necessities. The Atlanta Ministry Center helps provide refugees with food, shelter, and safety. They also provide classes to teach the people English, give them job skills training, do after-school tutoring, and provide other assistance to help people adjust to living in a new country and culture. The people working at the Atlanta Ministry Center share the good news of Jesus as they serve the refugees. Pray that many people will hear the gospel and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Jeremiah 10:6-7a together.

SAY “ God was greater than Saul, just like our key passage reminds us. God delivered David from his enemies, and He has delivered us from the power of sin. No one is greater than God! ”

Recite the key passage aloud. Then divide the key passage into phrases and repeat each phrase with a funny voice. Encourage the kids to repeat each phrase after you, using the same funny voice. Once they have repeated the entire key passage, encourage them to say it from start to finish using their funny voice.

Lead kids to sing “You Are Great, You Are Great (Jeremiah 10:6-7a).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ God, thank You for the reminder of Your mercy through the story of David and Saul. We know that You have power over our enemies. Lead us as we seek to show mercy to others, just as You have shown mercy to us. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



