



## Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -



### DAVID SPARED SAUL

**Read 1 Samuel 24 from your Bible or from below.**

King Saul wanted to harm David. He learned that David was hiding in the wilderness near the Rocks of the Wild Goats. King Saul took three thousand men to hunt for David.

King Saul found a cave. He went in the cave. David and his men were staying in the back of that same cave! King Saul did not see David and his men. David's men said, "Look, God has given King Saul to you. Surely He wants you to capture him." David moved quietly toward King Saul. He did not hurt King Saul, but he cut off a piece of his robe. King Saul did not know that David was there.

David knew that God chose King Saul to be the ruler of Israel. He would not let his men harm King Saul. When King Saul left the cave, David called out to him. King Saul turned around and saw David behind him.

David bowed to the ground. He asked King Saul, "Why do you listen to the people who tell you that I want to hurt you? You can see for yourself that today I could have harmed you, but I did not." David held up the corner of King Saul's robe. David said, "I have never sinned against you or broken your laws." David promised to never hurt King Saul. David showed respect to King Saul.

King Saul began to cry. He told David, "You are better than I am. You have done good to me even though I wanted to do bad to you." King Saul asked God to bless David for respecting him. King Saul knew that God had chosen David to be the new king of Israel.

King Saul asked David to promise to protect his family when he became the king of Israel. King Saul went back to his home, and David stayed in the wilderness.



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### DAVID BUILT THE TENT CHURCH

#### PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY

—Based on 1 Chronicles 15:1-4,11-12,14-28; 16:1-23

King David lived in the city of Jerusalem. He built many buildings in Jerusalem, but there was no special place for people to meet together to worship God. King David loved God very much. He wanted the people to have a place where they could come to pray and sing songs to God. So King David built a tent church (tabernacle).

David knew the special box with the Ten Commandments (ark of the covenant) should be in the tent. When the tent church was finished, King David called the people together. He told men to carry the special box into the tent. The men used long poles to carry the box. Some people played cymbals, trumpets, and harps as they walked with the men. Others sang songs to God or shouted happily. All the people walked together to the new tent church.

King David was very happy. He sang a song to thank God. His song had words like “Give thanks to God. Sing songs to thank Him. Remember all the wonderful things God has done.”



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

**\*Parents, the Preschool Bible story is different than kids for this week. The below devotional is written for the Kids Bible story.**

**Say:** *At some time or another in our lives, someone has hurt us. It may not have been physically. We get hurt when people say mean or untrue things to us or about us. We get hurt when someone leaves us out of their group or when someone tells a secret we asked them to keep. In those times, our first thought might be to do something that will hurt the other person as much as they hurt us. But God wants us to show His love by respecting others and show them grace and mercy.*

In today's Bible story, Saul wanted to physically harm David. Understandably, David didn't want to be harmed, so he went and hid with some of his men in a cave. The very cave that King Saul just happened to wander into. David's men saw this as his chance to harm Saul. Instead David did something unusual, he decided to show mercy and grace to Saul. He refused to harm Saul and instead cut off a small piece of Saul's robe.

David used the piece of cloth to prove to Saul that he did not want to do any harm to him. David was so close without Saul even knowing that he could have captured and hurt Saul for what Saul had done to him. Instead, David demonstrated God's love by showing respect for King Saul and promising never to hurt Saul. In return, King Saul asked God to bless David.

**David did what Jesus later commanded us to do—love and forgive our enemies. Jesus loved and forgave His enemies even those who nailed Him to the cross. In fact, while Jesus was on the cross, He asked God to forgive His enemies. And because Jesus showed such great love for us, we are to show love to others just as David showed love for King Saul.**

**Preschool Life Point:** *B-PK: People show God's love when they help others worship God.*

**Kindergarten:** *People show God's love when they respect others.*

**Kids Life Point:** *People show God's love when they respect others.*

### Review Questions:

1. How did David prove he did not want to harm King Saul?
2. What was King Saul's reaction to David's act of mercy?
3. How can you show respect for the lives of others?

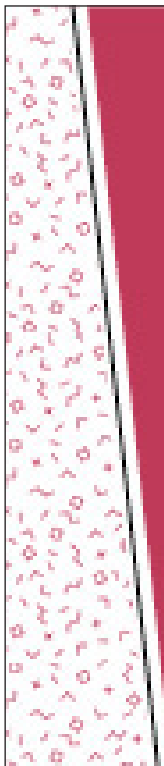
**Pray:** *God, help me treat others with respect even when they are unkind or want to do me harm. Help me show them mercy because Jesus showed mercy to me. Teach me to love and pray for my enemies as Jesus commanded. Amen.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



**PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): Love God with all your heart, and love others.**  
*Luke 10:27*

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**KIDS: Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.**  
*Leviticus 19:18*



## Family Worship Experience

- SING -

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.