



OLD TESTAMENT: SAUL AND DAVID

Lesson 27

BIG IDEA

As David becomes successful and popular, Saul becomes angry and jealous. Saul feels threatened by David and makes several attempts to kill him. God keeps David safe, Saul kills himself and David becomes king of Israel and a man after God's own heart.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8

KEY VERSES

I Samuel 18-19

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

- Long strip of fabric with a weight tied in the middle to make a sling.
- Cast: TL wearing baseball cap, Bear wearing bear ears.
- *Experience Mission will provide a baseball cap and bear ears.*

GAME - JAIL BREAK

- A can such as a coffee can
- White chalk or two ropes

CRAFT - WORDLESS BOOK OR BRACELET

BOOK

- Felt cut in 2.5 x 3 inch pieces in black, red, white and yellow (one each per child)
- Green felt cut 5 x 3 inches
- Sturdy thread, 20 inches per child
- Needles (larger size with eyes big enough for kids to thread)
- Premade sample

BRACELET

- Pony beads in yellow, black, red, white and green (one of each per child)
- Clear pony beads (two per child)
- Leather lacing or other sturdy cord, 12 inches per child
- Premade sample

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



EM PROVIDES

- scissors
- hole punches
- staplers

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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STAGING

TL wears baseball cap. Bear wears bear ears.

SCRIPT

Bear (enter stage swinging a sling in circles)

Bear You come with a sword and spear, but I come in the name God! Take that!

TL (enter stage and observe Bear. Look frightened and duck for cover) AHHHHHHH!

Bear (Surprised. Look around. Notice TL crouching.) TL!! I'm so sorry! I was just pretending to be David. Are you OK?

TL (Feel head, arms, legs to make sure he's in one piece) Yah, I think I'm OK. A little shook up is all.

Bear I'm really sorry. I was practicing with this sling. It's really hard to hit a target with this thing!

TL Well, David was a shepherd, so he had lots of time in the wide open fields to practice.

Bear Yah, I guess it is too crowded around here. Sorry.

TL That's OK Bear. No harm done. Would you like to hear more about David?

Bear Yes! I was hoping you would tell me the rest of the story.

TL Well, if you'll put your sling away, I'll tell you the story.

Bear Deal!

TL After David had conquered Goliath, he was brought before King Saul. Saul took David into his own house and made him an officer of his soldiers. David was wise and brave in the army just as he had been when facing the giant. Soon he was commanding 1000 men and everyone loved and respected him. One day, when David was returning from battle, the women of Israel came to meet him and they sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands!"

Bear Uh oh. I bet Saul didn't like that.



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TL You're right. This made Saul very angry and jealous. He no longer had the Spirit of the Lord and so he became full of suspicion. He remembered that Samuel had told him God would take the kingdom away from him and give it to someone more worthy. He began to wonder if David was trying to take his kingdom.

TL Saul had a son named Jonathan who became very good friends with David. Jonathan loved David like a brother. He promised to be his friend forever and even gave David his robe, sword and other weapons.

One day as King Saul listened to David play his harp, an evil spirit took control of the king. He tried to kill David with his spear. David jumped out of the way just in time. Later, Saul made David commander in the army, he was hoping David would be killed in battle. But the Spirit of the Lord was with David and he was victorious wherever he went. Saul tried another trick when his daughter Michal fell in love with David. He agreed to let David marry Michal if he first killed 100 Philistines. Saul thought for sure the Philistines would kill David, but David ended up killing 200 of the enemy Philistines and Saul had to let him marry Michal.

Jonathan was upset with his father Saul, he said, "Don't harm David. He has been faithful to you and has done great things for the kingdom. Why should you kill an innocent man?" Saul was sorry and for a while he listened to Jonathan. But, Saul's hatred of David made him forget his promise and he sent men to David's house to capture him. Michal, his wife, let David down out of a window so that he could escape. She placed an image in David's bed and covered it with blankets. When Saul's men came for David the next morning, Michal told them her husband was sick and in bed. By the time the men discovered they had been tricked, David had gotten away.

David decided to ask his friend Jonathan for help. At first Jonathan couldn't believe that his father would break his promise not to hurt David. Finally he believed David and they made a plan. David was supposed to eat a meal with Saul the next day. Jonathan advised him to stay away from the king's table for a few days. "I will find out how he feels about you, and I will tell you. Maybe he'll become your friend. But if he is to be your enemy, I know the Lord is with you, and my father will not win against you. Just promise that as long as you live, you will be kind to me and my children."

The next night, David did not come to the feast. So Saul said to Jonathan, "Why did David not eat with us yesterday and today?"

Jonathan replied, "David asked permission to go to visit his oldest brother."

Saul was furious, "your friendship with David is a disgrace! Don't you know that as long as David is alive, you can never become king yourself? David must die!"



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“But why should David die?” Jonathan asked, “What has he done?” Saul was so angry that he threw his spear at his own son. Now Jonathan was convinced that his father wanted to kill David. As he and David had agreed, Jonathan went to a field where David was hiding. He shot some arrows beyond where his servant was standing and yelled, “They’re past you. Hurry and bring them here.” The boy did not know that this was Jonathan’s signal to David that he must flee. When the boy had gone, David came out of hiding and fell on his knees before Jonathan, then they hugged and cried. They both knew that David had to leave his home, wife, friends and his family and go into hiding.

So David left with some men who were loyal to him. They hid in different places in the wilderness. One day they found out that the Philistines were attacking a town in Israel. David asked the Lord if he should try to help the people. The answer was yes. So he and his men attacked the Philistines and defeated them, just as the Lord had promised. Saul found out and hurried to capture David, but the Lord warned David and kept him safe from Saul. Many times Saul tried to capture David, and every time the Lord intervened and kept David safe. One day Saul came very close to where David was hiding. Saul went into a cave by himself and he didn’t even know that David and his men were hiding in the cave. David’s men urged him to kill Saul, “Now’s your chance!” they said. But David did not harm Saul, instead he snuck up and cut off a piece of Saul’s robe. Saul didn’t even know it had happened. After Saul left the cave, David followed him and called, “Saul, I could have killed you just now. See, I have a piece of your robe. But I don’t want to harm you. Why are you trying to kill me?”

Saul began to cry. “Is it really you, David? You are right and I am wrong. You have proven you are good by not killing me when you had the chance. Now I am sure you will be king of Israel. Just promise me you will not kill my children and their children.” David promised and Saul returned home. David went south and defeated the Amalekites and became very rich from the treasure. He divided the treasure with the men who were with him and with his friends in Judah.

While David was fighting battles with the Amalekites, Saul was having troubles with the Philistines. King Saul was now old and weakened by disease and trouble. Samuel had died many years before. David was no longer by his side and Saul didn’t even have priests to advise him, because he had killed them in a terrible act of anger. Saul was completely alone. One day, during a battle with the Philistines, Saul was badly wounded by an arrow. He did not want to be captured by the Philistines, so he fell onto his own sword and died. Jonathan died in the battle as well. David mourned over Saul and Jonathan. He moved to a town called Hebron. The people of Judea came to him and anointed him their king. Later he was anointed as king over the rest of Israel.

Well, there you have it Bear. The end of King Saul’s reign and the beginning of David’s. Kind of sad, don’t you think?



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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT (CONT. 4)

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Bear (Contemplative) Yah, it's amazing that Saul made all those terrible choices. It's like he was crazy or something.

TL Yes, for much of his life he did not have the wisdom and protection of the Lord, and so he gave in to his own fear, anger, suspicion and jealousy. Will you come back and hear about the great kingdom that David created with God's wisdom and power?

Bear You bet! Thanks for the bible story, TL. I'll see you later.

TL Bye.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Saul make David an officer?
- How did Saul feel when people sang, "Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands?"
- What did Saul try to do to David?
- Who loved David?
- How did Michal help David escape?
- How did David spare Saul's life?
- What did David promise Saul?
- What did Saul do to find answers when he had no prophet, priest or friend?
- Is it ever OK to play around with divination, fortunes or magic?
- How did Saul die?
- What can you do when you feel too fearful or confused to make a decision?
- What can you do when you don't feel safe?



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CRAFT & GAME

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: WORDLESS BOOK OR BRACELET

Kids will make a wordless book or bracelet to help them remember man's need for a savior (Today's lesson does not lend itself to a craft. This is a good opportunity to present this simple but important witnessing tool.)

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

BOOK

- Felt cut in 2.5 x 3 inch pieces in black, red, white and yellow (one each per child)
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- Premade sample

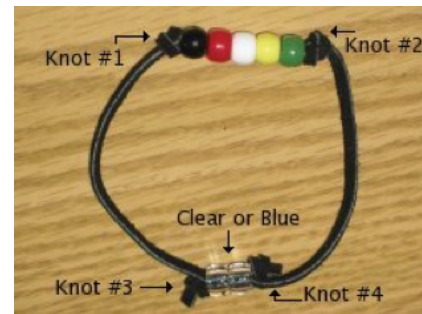
BRACELET

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MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, hole punches, staplers

ILLUSTRATION



DIRECTIONS

BOOK

- Stack felt pieces in the following order: black, red, white, yellow
- Wrap green felt around colored pieces to form the cover
- Sew a seam one inch from the folded edge, be sure to sew all the way through the pieces

BRACELET

- Tie a knot about one inch from the center of the leather/cord
- On the long end string the pony beads onto the leather/cord in the following order: black, red, white, yellow, green
- Tie another knot after the green bead
- Thread the two clear beads on one end of the leather/cord.
- Thread the other end of the leather/cord through the beads in the opposite direction
- Tie both ends of the leather/cord. This makes the bracelet adjustable

PRESENTING THE WORDLESS BOOK

- Black – Sin Romans 3:23, All have sinned
- Red – Blood I John 1:7, Jesus' blood covers all sin
- White – Pure Psalm 51:7, Jesus washes away confessed sin
- Yellow – Heaven John 14:2, Believe on Jesus and receive eternal life
- Green - Grow II Peter 3:18, Grow in the knowledge of the Lord

There are several ways to present the wordless book and they can be found on the internet through a simple search for "Wordless Book Script" or "Story of the Wordless Book". Out of sensitivity to the copyrights of the authors we will not copy the scripts in these lesson plans.



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• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: JAIL BREAK

Kids take turns hiding, seeking and rescuing.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- A can such as a coffee can
 - White chalk or two ropes
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Make a circle with the chalk or rope and place the can in the middle. Make another circle to be “jail.”
- Choose one person to be “Guard the can” and be the tagger.
- To start the game, this player counts to 50 (or 100) with their eyes closed. All other players will scatter to find a hiding place. When he opens them, he starts searching and the fun begins.
- When the tagger finds a hider, they call out this player’s name. If the hider can kick over the can before the tagger does, they are safe. If the tagger makes it to the can first, the player whose name he calls out is captured and must wait in the jail.
- Here comes the fun part! A brave hider can risk being seen, while the tagger is seeking other players and kick the can without them seeing. If this person can kick over the can and call out “Jailbreak” without getting captured by the tagger all the prisoners are freed and are back in the game.
- The game continues until all the hidiers have been captured. If the game runs too long, due to jailbreaks, choose two kids to be taggers.

