



September 25, 2016

Dear Teacher,

This week we move along in our story of Saul and David. We also meet Jonathan, Saul's son and David's best friend. This story is filled with jealousy, anger and a plot to kill David! David quickly becomes an outlaw and has to do a lot to survive. Through all of the terrible things David endures, we learn that God never left David and was with him the whole time. God guided David and kept him safe. God promised David that he would be king, and we know that God always keeps His promises!

We encourage all classrooms to engage with the story from the options provided in class. Teachers, tell the story using any of the provided helps (Vos, Jesus Story Book Bible, Gospel Story Book Bible or printed Handout). If you would like, read the selected Scripture passages aloud in class, discuss or explain what the passages mean, and use the questions below to help guide the discussion. Also, use time in class to teach the Scripture Memory and the Catechism Questions.

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Kings:* David The Outlaw

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God wants us to trust Him and obey His commands.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18-25 (selected portions)

Story: Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 69-70 (Pages 143-149); The Beginner's Bible, Pages 186-191.

Teaching Points:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps his promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- God was with His people, the Israelites, and He never left them.
- God's people wanted a king, so God gave His people what they wanted: King Saul.
- King Saul did not follow the Lord's command, so God chose another man to be king: David.
- King Saul became very jealous of David and his success. Saul tried to hurt David several times.
- Jonathan, King Saul's son, was David's best friend and helped David survive when King Saul wanted David dead.
- God was with David through all of the times in which King Saul tried to kill David. God was going to keep His promise that David would be king.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

For the Sunday Schedule, please see "Sunday Schedule for Preschool" found in Handbook on the teacher's table.

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 166, 165, 164)

Craft: Hen and Chick

Supplies: Orange triangle, yellow triangle, red "comb", crayons/markers, double sided tape.

Instructions: Fold orange triangle to form hen, fold yellow triangle to form chick, draw beak and eyes on each, use double sided tape to attach comb to hen and chick to hen, color if desired.



Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Craft: David Hides from Saul

Supplies: Grey rock, David figure, cup, yarn

Instructions: Color grass on cup, color David figure, thread yarn through cup, attach rock to top of yarn and David to the bottom of yarn. Pull yarn up to "hide" David.



Story: Kings: David & Goliath

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the Transition Question: Play the game "Hide and Seek" in the class, or ask the kids to explain it. This game will set up the lesson where David is hiding from King Saul.
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus StoryBook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Questions for Review

Scripture Memory (1 Samuel 2:2)

Catechism Questions (1-11)

Sing Songs (optional)

Free Play

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Who was David's good friend?
- What did Jonathan give to David?
- Who tried to hurt David?
- Where did David hide?

Questions for Older Children:

- Why was King Saul jealous?
- What is another word for "promise"?
- What did Jonathan ask David to promise?
- What did God promise to David?
- How did God keep His promise?

Scripture Memory for September:

"There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no God but you. There is no Rock like our God." 1 Samuel 2:2

Catechism Questions:

- Question 1 – Who made you? *God*
- Question 2 – What else did God make? *God made all things.*
- Question 3 – Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*
- Question 4 – How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
- Question 5 – Why are you to glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
- Question 6 – Is there more than one true God? *No. There is only one true God.*
- Question 7 – In how many persons does this One God exist? *In three persons.*
- Question 8 – Who are they? *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
- Question 9 – What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*
- Question 10 – Where is God? *God is everywhere.*
- Question 11 - Can you see God? *No; I cannot see God, but He can always see me.*

Story

Review

Boys and girls, if you remember last week we learned about David and his anointing to be king. Remember how Samuel set out to find the next king because God instructed him to do so, and Samuel thought all of David's older brothers would be king but not David, remember that? And then we learned that God was with David and even helped David defeat the mighty giant Goliath. Well this week we discover that David has become very well liked by all the people in Israel, but King Saul, well he does not like this one bit. Saul is jealous of David, and then Saul does some very terrible things to David. But no matter what Saul did to David, God was always with David. God was keeping His promise to David – David one day would become king. Let's find more about our story today...

Friends

Jonathan was David's good friend. Jonathan was also King Saul's son. The first time Jonathan and David met they became very good friends. The Bible says that Jonathan even loved David like he loved himself. And David loved Jonathan too. They were such good friends and loved each other so much that they made a covenant with each other.

A covenant is a promise to God. David and Jonathan promised that they would love and show kindness to each other always. Because Jonathan was King Saul's son everyone thought that he would be the king someday, but God had planned something else. David was God's choice; David would be the next king, not Jonathan.

Jonathan wore very nice clothes and one day he even took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David. This is important to know because David was a shepherd and he didn't have nice clothes, not clothes like the king's son would wear – that's for sure! This act of kindness showed just how close Jonathan and David were. Jonathan gave David his sword and his bow and his belt too. Jonathan and David were very good friends.

Jealous King Saul

After David had killed the giant Goliath, King Saul wanted him to stay at the palace. So David did. He did not return to his father's house or to his job as a shepherd. The Bible says whatever job King Saul gave David to do, David did it wisely. David proved to be a good soldier. King Saul made David a commander in the army, which meant David was in charge of other soldiers. All the people of Israel loved David too. In fact one day when David was leading the soldiers back home after a battle, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul, David and the soldiers. They were so

happy, they were singing joyful songs and dancing and playing tambourines. As they danced, the women sang: "Saul has killed thousands, and David tens of thousands" over and over.

This made King Saul angry and jealous. King Saul complained to himself, "They sing that David has slain ten thousands, and that I have slain only thousands. If they think that David is so much better than I am, they will want him to be king instead of me!" King Saul didn't like that people loved David and thought he was a better soldier than King Saul. The Bible says from that time on Saul did not like David anymore. He was jealous and he watched David all the time. King Saul became so angry with David that he tried to hurt David a few times. On two different occasions, King Saul threw a spear at David while David was playing the harp for him. David dodged the spear both times and then ran away. After this David no longer lived in the palace with King Saul and his family.

King Saul then sent David into the army, making him a captain over a thousand soldiers. By this time David was no longer a teenager, but a grown man. David followed orders and showed great wisdom while leading his soldiers. Saul would put David in charge of big, dangerous battles thinking David would be hurt, but that never happened. You see God protected David each time. God made a covenant with those who love Him. King Saul did not love the Lord and King Saul knew that David did. The Lord was certainly with David, and the Bible says that everything David did he did well because the Lord was with him. So King Saul didn't like that either, but you know what? The people in Israel loved David more and more. And that made King Saul even angrier. Finally David had to run far away from King Saul. David ran and hid in the fields of wheat, barley and other crops.

Jonathan did everything he could to help David. He could barely believe that his father, King Saul, could be so angry with David that he would try to hurt him. It made Jonathan very sad. Remember how much he loved his friend David? Jonathan even talked to his father, King Saul, to see if the king really wanted to hurt David. Jonathan told his father, "Do not hurt David, because he has been very good to you. Do not forget that he risked his life for you when he went and fought against Goliath. You were very glad when he did that. Why should you kill a man who has done nothing but good toward you?" King Saul felt ashamed and he promised Jonathan that he would not hurt David. Once Jonathan told David this news, David returned to live in Saul's palace.

However, the peace did not last and quickly Saul became jealous and angry with David. It happened after the Israelites went to battle the Philistines. David led his soldiers into battle and won a great victory. The people of Israel once again sang of David's victory and might. King Saul was furious and vowed to hurt David badly.

King Saul sent spies to watch David at his home, and once David came home the spies were to attack and hurt David. But David escaped from his home unharmed and became an outlaw in the kingdom.

Parting

So David knew that he needed to go far, far away and Jonathan knew it too. Jonathan came to him and reminded him of the promise, the covenant they had made: "May the Lord be with you. But show me kindness like that of the Lord as long as I live and please David always be kind to my family." You see Jonathan knew that David would be the king of Israel someday. Even though Jonathan was the King's very own son, David was God's choice. The two friends said goodbye, and as they did they began to cry. The Bible says that David cried a lot. David did not want to lose his best friend, and Jonathan did not want to lose his best friend either. Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have promised a friendship with each other in the name of the Lord for us and even for our children."

Hide-And-Seek

David quickly left Israel and King Saul behind only to travel into the land of the Philistines. Even in the land of Philistines it was not safe for David because he was an Israelite and Israelites were enemies of the Philistines. Some Philistine soldiers found out that David was living in their land and told their king, "Isn't this David the king of the Israelites? The women sang of him, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

The Philistine soldiers went to capture David so they could bring him before the Philistine king. But to avoid being captured David pretended to be very strange and crazy. David scratched on the doors of the gate and let his spit fall down on his beard. Once the Philistine king saw this he said to his servants, "Don't you see that this man is crazy? Why did you bring him here?!?!!" David saved himself this time, but he could not stay in the city because he would not be able to pretend for much longer. So David snuck off to a big cave to be safe and pray to God for help. When David's father and brothers heard where he was, they came to hide in the cave too. King Saul wanted to hurt David's family and so it wasn't safe for his family to stay in their homes.

Many Israelites who did not like King Saul joined David in the cave; the Bible tells us that over four hundred men joined David. David and his men however could not live in the cave for very long. Saul would eventually find out and come and find them. David decided to gather everyone – the four hundred men and his family – and move to the land of Moab. Moab was a foreign land for David, his family and his soldiers, but it was a safe place. Before long, God sent a prophet to David to tell him to return to Judah where he lived. David and his men returned to Judah and found a wooded area where they camped out. David and his soldiers thought they were safe from Saul, but King Saul had spies throughout the land looking for David. The spies found David very quickly and told King Saul. King Saul brought thousands and thousands of soldiers to find David. David and his men moved throughout the woods, mountains and caves hiding from King Saul and his army. Often David and his men ran away to safety, but in a short time King Saul would find them again. It seemed as though David was never going to stay in one place long enough to rest. At one point when David and his men were traveling through woods, mountains and caves, they became trapped. King Saul and his soldiers were getting closer and closer to capturing David and his army. But just as King Saul was about to capture David, a messenger arrived with some terrible news for King Saul! The Philistines, Israel's enemy, had invaded the kingdom and they were marching towards King Saul's palace! King Saul gathered all of his troops and left David alone. King Saul had to go and protect his land and his palace. King Saul would never stop looking for David in order to hurt David. The only way King Saul would stop is if he died. The entire time Saul was looking for David, God was taking care of David. Saul never captured David or his soldiers.