

David and King Saul

Hello Mom and Dad

Our world today is in desperate need of peace. Superficial relationships have been exposed due to the immense pressure that has come with the Covid-19 pandemic. All around us there is war across cultures, races, genders, political affiliations bringing a divide that only the spirit of God can heal. We have a part to play in creating a society ruled by God's peace. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" Rom12:18. God has given us the Holy Spirit who is our daily Help and Guide into living at peace with everyone.

This week we will be looking at the life of David as a man after God's own heart. David had a difficult relationship with King Saul but he chose to live at peace with Saul, serving him and helping him as best as possible. Peace in relationships comes when we forgive others and do not allow our hearts to become sad or angry at what others have done. We believe each child can be taught and used by God to bring peace and reconciliation in any given situation.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To teach kids to respond with love when offended
- To learn to serve others even when they are angry

To start your time together, we encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness. Ask each person what they are thankful for. Help each child indicate by making examples such as, "I am thankful to the Lord for His protection and for giving us food every day." Allow time for each child to state their thanksgiving.

We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

Here is to living at peace with everyone.
We are cheering you on!

With love,
3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Read in advance 1 Samuel chapter 18-24 and chapter 26
- Prepare clip on how seeds form into plants:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkFPyue5X3Q>

Praise and Worship:



Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 **(Send Your Rain)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> **(First)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> **(I will go)**

Memory verse:

James 1:19



**“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters:
You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry”**

Declaration for the week:

***I am quick to listen,
slow to speak and
slow to get angry***



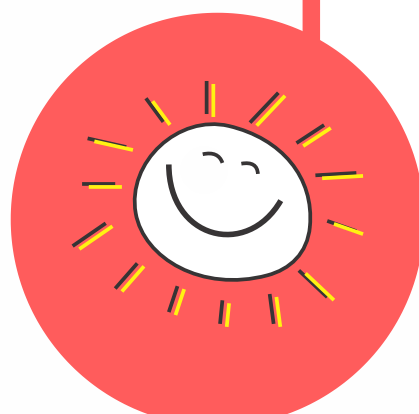
Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Animal match
- Activity – Find the path
- Activity – Answer sheet for older kids
- Activity – Colouring

Fitness Fun

Fitness is always fun when you involve the family. Learn new skills and grow strong together with these exercises. Use a dice for this week's fitness fun.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity: Watch this clip about how seeds grow into plants – (play it twice)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkFPyue5X3Q>

Ask kids the questions: Give examples of seeds that we use (answer: rice, popcorn, beans, acorns)

- How long can seeds live? (answer: many years up to a thousand years)
- What do seeds need to grow? (water, sunlight and the right temperature)
- What grows down into the soil from the seed? (the roots)
- What grows up out of the soil from the seed? (the shoot/stem/plant)

Say: Things that people say to us and do to us are like seeds that come into the soil of our heart. We need to make sure that bad seeds do not come into our heart and grow roots which will push up a plant of sadness and anger in our lives. We are going to see how one man, called David, did not allow what King Saul did to make him sad and angry. He did not allow bad seeds to take root in his heart.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for today. Thank you that you teach me how to not allow bad seeds of wrong words and wrong actions to take root in my heart. Teach me how to love and live in peace with everyone in my world. In Jesus name. Amen.

Repeat the declaration: I am quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry

Ask: Does anyone remember the name of the prophet who anointed David and told him that God had chosen him as the new king? (Samuel)

Ask: Did David become king immediately? (No)

Ask: What was David doing while he waited to be king? (He took care of his father's sheep and he played music for King Saul)

Ask: What is the name of the giant that David defeated? (Goliath)

Say: After David defeated Goliath, King Saul allowed David to work for him and whatever David did for King Saul, he did very well. Saul saw that David did whatever he was told to do with excellence and so decided to give him a high position in his army.

Ask: How are you when you are asked to do your homework or chores like making your bed? (let the kids answer) and continue asking: Are you happy to do what you are asked and you do it well or do you sit and sulk?

Say: If you remind yourself that whatever you are asked to do is for Jesus, it will help you do it with a good attitude (a smile and a happy heart).

Say: David became popular and whatever he did was successful. King Saul started to become jealous and angry with David. Things became worse for King Saul when the prophet Samuel came to tell him that because King Saul did not obey God, God was going to replace him with a king God had chosen. King Saul became very upset because he did not want to lose his power as king and could see that David was the one who was chosen by God to be the next king. Jealousy and anger grew from King Saul's heart to the point where he thought about killing David.

Ask: How do you feel when someone does better than you at school or at sport or at home? Are you happy for them or do you become angry and jealous? (allow answers)

Say: Remember that we do not want bad seeds growing in our hearts so we need to ask God to forgive and help us so we can be happy for others even when they do well.

Ask: What do you think David did and how was his attitude to the king when all this was happening? (allow answers)



Say: David did not ever say a bad word or do anything bad to harm King Saul. David kept serving King Saul and helped where he could. David had done nothing to deserve King Saul's anger. David chose to trust God and to love King Saul even when it was difficult. He did not allow seeds of anger and hate in his heart towards King Saul. God was with David and eventually he became King.

Repeat memory verse: James 1:19 "Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Repeat declaration: I am quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry

Application:

Say: Today we have to think of the seeds that we have allowed to be planted in our hearts? Think of where you have been angry with people for something they have done or said against you. Think of where you have been jealous and were not happy with other people.

Pray after me: "Father God, I am so thankful for Your love today. Thank you for showing me where I have allowed bad seeds to be sown in my heart. Please forgive me for being angry with people for what they did or said against me. Please forgive me where I have been jealous and not happy where other people did well. Please wash me in Your blood and make me clean. Put in my heart seeds of love so I can love others the way You love them. In Jesus name, Amen"

Declare what the blood of Jesus has done for us. Let's say it together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

Repeat memory verse: James 1:19

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Devotion plans:

You are welcome to use the devotions that accompany the lessons throughout the week to help each child connect to the Word daily. The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

