



IDC KIDS

Feb 1, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

DAVID SHOWED MERCY

1 SAMUEL 24

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Saul wanted to hurt David, but David showed mercy to Saul. We all deserve to die for our sin, but God shows us mercy when we trust in Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

Jeremiah 10:6

STORY POINT:

David showed kindness to Saul.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- a. Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	We turned the lights down in the room to make it dark like a cave. A cave is an opening under the ground that is big enough for a person or animal to go inside. David and Saul were in a cave when DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS TO SAUL instead of hurting him. Let's listen to our story to find out more!
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.



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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. How did David show kindness to Saul? (David showed kindness to Saul by cutting his robe and not fighting him.)
- d. How can we show kindness to others when they are unkind to us? (Answers will vary.)
- e. How does God show mercy and kindness to us? (We deserve to die for our sin, but God shows us mercy when we trust in Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.)
- f. **Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.**

SAY	Saul wanted to hurt David. One day, when Saul was in a cave with David, DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS TO SAUL. by cutting his robe instead of fighting him. God showed kindness when He sent Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sin. We can live with God forever if we trust in Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	David showed mercy to Saul by not fighting him in the cave. We deserve to be punished because of our sin, but God shows us mercy when we trust in Jesus who died for our sin and rose again. Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything, even our sin.
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at Jeremiah 10:6. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video which plays at the end of the learning video for inspiration.

SAY	DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS To Saul, but the mercy and kindness God shows us by forgiving our sins is even greater. There is no one like God. His name is great in power.
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#).

6. PRAY

SAY	God, there is no one like You. You are the only One who can show us mercy for our sins. Thank You for showing us mercy when we believe in You and repent of our sins. Please help us show mercy to one another. Amen.
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. CAUGHT IN THE CAVE

Dim the lights in the room and grab your flashlights. Play flashlight tag with the kids. If they get caught in the lights they are frozen. Encourage them to be kind to one another by tagging them to unfreeze their friends.

SAY	Thank you for saving your friends in the cave! Saul went into a cave and did not know David was there. Because DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS TO SAUL , Saul knew David would be the next king of Israel. What are some ways you can show kindness to your friends and family today?
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

1. GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

2. STORY SCRIPT

DAVID SHOWED MERCY

David led the Israelite army as a brave leader, but King Saul was jealous of him. Saul wanted to hurt David because he did not want David to become king instead of him.

One day, while Saul was looking for David, **Saul went into a cave. But David and his friends were hiding in that same cave! Saul didn't see them.**

David's friends whispered, "God said He would give Saul to you! Here's your chance to fight him!" **David snuck up behind Saul and cut off a piece of his robe while Saul wasn't looking.**

Afterward, David felt bad for what he did. He told his friends, "I shouldn't have done that to someone chosen by God to be king." The soldiers with David wanted to fight Saul, but David said no.

When Saul left the cave, David went out too. He called out to Saul, "My king!" Then he bowed down. David said, "I do not want to hurt you. See? I could have fought you in the cave, but I cut a corner of your robe instead."

Saul cried. He said, "You are better than me. You did not hurt me even though I wanted to hurt you. Now I know you will be the next king of Israel."

Then Saul and David both went to their homes.

Story Telling Tip

- **Sit in a cave:** Dim the lights in the room, and pretend you are sitting in a dark cave. Use a flashlight and a quiet voice to tell the story as if you were hiding in a cave.

3. CHRIST CONNECTION

Saul wanted to hurt David, but David showed mercy to Saul. We all deserve to die for our sin, but God shows us mercy when we trust in Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.