



**Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 41**

David Spares Saul's Life

1 Samuel 24:1-13

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader." The Philistine is an evil enemy who wants to take over King City. (He appears on video or on side stage.)

Plot: Kingdom Crusader prevents Scripture Guy from harming the Philistine. She shares how David spared King Saul's life even though he deserved to be punished. We learn to trust God instead of seeking revenge.

Costumes: Fedoras, 1940's Zoot suits (high-waist, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers, long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders) and/or 1940's dress suit (padded shoulders, thin belt), Superhero costumes worn underneath (cap, face mask, body suit, tights, etc.), "SG" emblem on

Scripture Guy costume, "KC" emblem on Kingdom Crusader costume. Black robe, red mask, Princess Leia wig.

Props: Lunch box, ray gun, bomb, rubber chicken, newspaper, Bible.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Newspaper box: "Good News" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
3. Telephone ringing
4. Zapping sound

Visual effects (VFX):

1. 1 Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
3. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Philistine video available at ResourceWell.org
5. Strobe and pulsating lights
6. Scripture Slide: **"May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me but my hand will not touch you." 1 Samuel 24:12**
7. Motto slide: We give everything to honor our King!

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly, there are villains gathering...evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Scoop (enters at office door)

Hey kids, Scoop Gibson here. I was supposed to meet Kingdom Crusader here. She said she had a special announcement. You haven't seen her have you?

Kingdom Crusader (enters on fire escape)
I give everything to honor my King! Hello, Scoop Gibson.

Scoop

Kingdom Crusader, I've been waiting to hear your special announcement!

Kingdom Crusader

And I've been waiting to make it. Ladies and Gentlemen, citizens, members of the press, honored guests, friends, Romans, countrymen...

Scoop

Will you get on with it!

Kingdom Crusader

Sorry. I've called you here to announce that The Philistine has contacted me personally and he says that if we agree to forgive him for his past crimes, he will abandon his evil plans for world domination!

Scoop

What? Are you saying that The Philistine is no longer a threat to King City?

Kingdom Crusader (climbs down)

He has promised to behave himself and try not to use his power to get revenge on King City.

Scoop

Try not to! He's going to try not to be evil. Come on, you don't really expect our readers to believe that a super villain is going to suddenly become nice?

Kingdom Crusader

It could happen. (SFX: zapping sound, VFX: Strobe and pulsating lights)

Philistine (pops up on video)

Boo! (evil laugh)

Scoop (runs into phone booth)

Ah! I'll call for back up!

Philistine

Ha, ha, ha! Run away little man! Ah, I never get tired of that!

Kingdom Crusader

Philistine! You can't keep doing that! I'm trying to convince King City that you want to change your ways and you ruin it when you act that way.

Philistine

Oh, fiddle-dee-dee! I'm sure I'm sorry. It's not that easy you know when you've spent five years developing a really cool evil persona to just drop it over night.

Kingdom Crusader

You promised you would try to change your ways. Now, don't you want people to trust you?

Philistine (thinking)

Hmm! What's my other choice?

Kingdom Crusader

Philistine! Cut it out!

Philistine

Kidding! Kidding! Gosh, lighten up. You super heroes are so uptight! I'm trying to change my image...it's just, well, (picks up props) what am I supposed to do with my freeze ray? And my rubber chicken gun? And my laser cat...?

Scripture Guy (exits booth)

Put down those weapons, Philistine, or I shall blast you!

Philistine

Scripture Guy!

Scripture Guy

I warned you. (fires a ray overhead)

Kingdom Crusader (grabs his arm)

No!! (SFX: ray blast, VFX: ray blast)

Philistine

Run away! Run away! (exits)

Scripture Guy

Crusader! You let him get away!

Kingdom Crusader

I know. I didn't want you to fight him. You see, he's trying to change.

Scripture Guy

Change into what?

Kingdom Crusader

The Philistine is trying to become a better person.

Scripture Guy

Who told you that?

Kingdom Crusader

He did.

Scripture Guy

Well, I, for one, do not trust him!

Kingdom Crusader

Well, I'm not sure I do either, but I do trust God.

Scripture Guy

I beg your pardon.

Kingdom Crusader

Well, it's just that...David trusted God even when his enemies were against him. Here, I'll get the Good News and explain, right now. (opens box, SFX: "Good News," VFX: beam of light shines from box) **Here's a good example, there was this one time when King Saul was searching for David. So, David and his mighty men went up into the mountains...**

Scripture Guy

Yes, I remember. King Saul was trying to kill David so David and his men had to sleep in caves.

Kingdom Crusader

Yes, and Saul came into the cave where David and the mighty men were hiding, but Saul didn't know that they were there! Then David crept up behind him and quietly cut off a corner of his robe and Saul did not even notice him.

Scripture Guy

If the Philistine ever tried to cut my cape, I'd give him such a spanking!

Kingdom Crusader

David didn't even touch Saul! He knew that it would be wrong to hurt him because God had anointed King Saul and chosen him to be king.

Scripture Guy

So he let him escape, just like you let the Philistine escape?

Kingdom Crusader

Yes, then David showed Saul the piece he had cut from his robe to prove that he had the chance to hurt him, but had chosen not to.

Scripture Guy

The Bible does say that we should love our enemies, but, how do we know that the Philistine isn't working with the Obliterator to try to fool us?

Kingdom Crusader

I guess we don't. I guess we just have to trust his word and have faith.

Scripture Guy

I do have faith, but shouldn't the Philistine be punished for the wrong things he has done?

Kingdom Crusader (VFX: Scripture slide)

Yes! And that's where trusting God comes in handy! Look what David said to Saul:
*May the LORD judge between you and me.
And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.*

Scripture Guy

I see, so instead of getting revenge, David trusted God to judge King Saul for the wrongs he had done to David.

Kingdom Crusader

David trusted God with everything.

Scripture Guy

And I trust God with all my heart!

Kingdom Crusader

Do you think you could learn to trust that God is working on the Philistine's heart?

Scripture Guy

Do you really think he's trying to change?

Kingdom Crusader

I really do.

Scripture Guy

Then I'll trust your word and I'll trust God. Let's go catch up to the Philistine and give him another chance.

Kingdom Crusader

That's the spirit! Let's all say our motto together!

All

We give everything to honor our King!

(SFX: "Heroic music" continues, VFX: fall back slide)