



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther  
Unit 8, Lesson 41

## David's Heart: David Spares Saul

Lesson Aim: To trust God for justice over our enemies.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Who is someone you trust?

**GAME:** Trust Me

### THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 28:7

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

### THE WORD DAVID SPARED SAUL'S LIFE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: David and Jonathan were true friends.

**Today, we will hear about David and his mighty men in the En-Gedi wilderness where they hid from King Saul. King Saul was trying to hurt David because he was jealous that the people liked David more than him. Point out Jerusalem and the En-Gedi wilderness. The En-Gedi wilderness was filled with rocks and caves that provided good hiding places for David and his mighty men when King Saul came from Jerusalem to hunt for him. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 24:2-13. Pray. Read.**

### THE WAY TRUSTING GOD AS JUDGE

**King Saul and 3,000 of his men were searching for David to capture him. David and his mighty men were hiding in the back of the cave when King Saul came in alone. David could have attacked King Saul right then, but he did something else instead. What did David do to King Saul's robe in the cave? (Cut a piece from King Saul's robe.) After David cut King Saul's robe, he was sorry because he knew he had not been respectful to the king God had chosen. Did David attack Saul when he had the chance? (No.) Did David's men want to attack Saul? (Yes, but David did not allow them to attack.)**

**In the cave, David's mighty men thought he should attack King Saul. That would have been taking revenge on King Saul for his attacks on David. Revenge means to harm someone to pay them back for doing harm. David would not hurt King Saul because he had been anointed by God as King of Israel. David loved and respected God too much to harm His choice for king.**

**Have you ever wanted to take revenge on someone for doing wrong against you? Taking revenge is a wrong choice. Because David was a man after God's own heart, he was always focused on what God would want, instead of what he wanted. David trusted God to be the judge over himself and Saul. When you take revenge on someone, you are taking God's job as their judge.**

**In everything he did, David trusted God. He trusted God as his shepherd to keep him safe. He trusted God as his judge to deal justly with his enemies. You can trust God in those same ways. Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together. With each phrase, think about how you can trust God as your shepherd, too. Say Bible Memory Verse together: Psalm 23.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over one thousand years later, the Bible tells us why David was right to trust the Lord as the judge over his enemies. Let's see what the Bible says about that. Reveal Romans 12:19. Read.**

**David trusted that God had a plan for his enemies. One day, Jesus will come back to judge everyone for their actions. That is when He will make everything fair and perfect.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Trust in God" mosaic
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: David cutting off a piece of King Saul's robe
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Trust Towers

**GAMES:** Thumbs Up!, Robe of Trust

**CRAFT:** Swords of Trust

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** My Heart Knows Psalm 23, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**