

Family Worship

David and Saul

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

There Is A Higher Throne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvDSG4s5FJw>



Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 39

Q: With what attitude should we pray?

A: With love, perseverance, and gratefulness

- Love - know that God loves you and hears your prayer
- Perseverance - don't give up praying
- Gratefulness - give thanks because God always answers

→ God's answer often comes in one of 3 ways: yes, no, wait

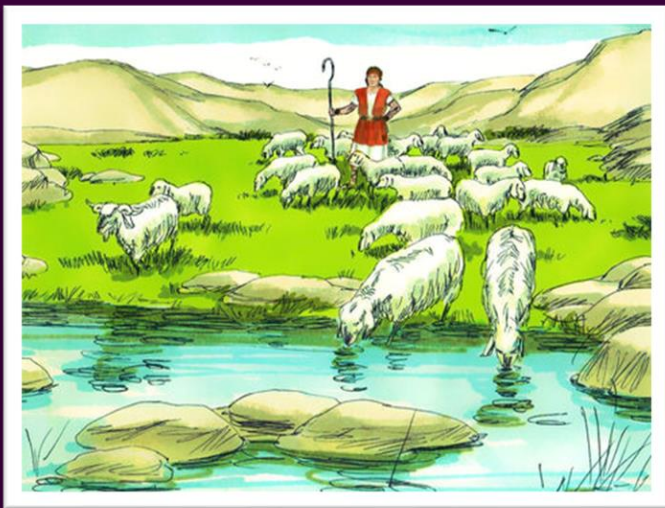
Bible verse (Philippians 4:6)

Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks.



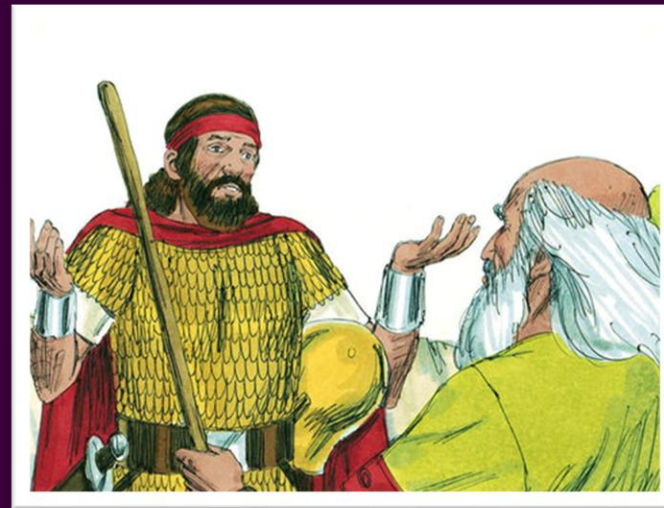
David

He was a man after God's own heart. He loves what God loves, hates what God hates and delights in God.



Saul

God appointed him as Israel's first king. But he disobeyed God and acted on his own. God rejected him in favour of David.

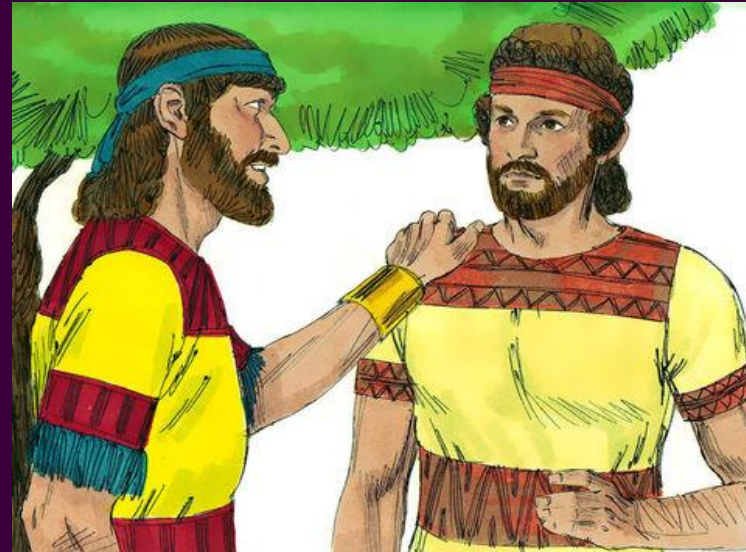


Let's open up the Bible

1 Samuel 18: 5-16, 20, 30; 19:1

When David finished talking with Saul, Jonathan felt very close to David. He loved David as much as he loved himself. Saul kept David with him from that day on. He did not let David go home to his father's house.

Jonathan made an agreement with David. He did this because he loved David as much as himself. He took off his coat and gave it to David. He also gave David his uniform, including his sword, bow and belt.

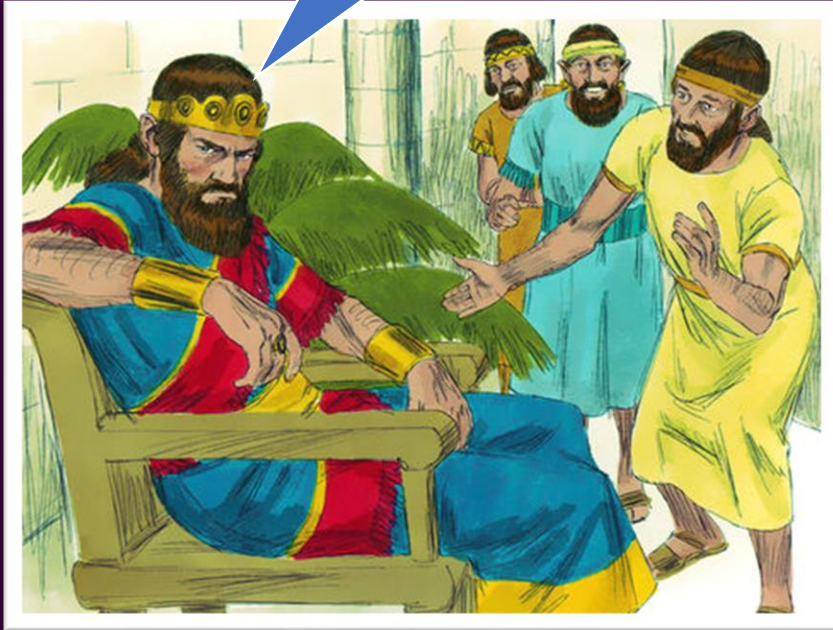


Saul sent David to fight in different battles. And David was very **successful**. Then Saul put David over the soldiers. When he did this, Saul's officers and all the other people were **pleased**.

- ❑ So far so good
- ❑ Saul kept David with him
- ❑ David became best friend of Saul's son Jonathan
- ❑ Saul's officers and everyone else were pleased that David was put in charge of the soldiers

BUT...

Can't you hear
what the women
are singing?

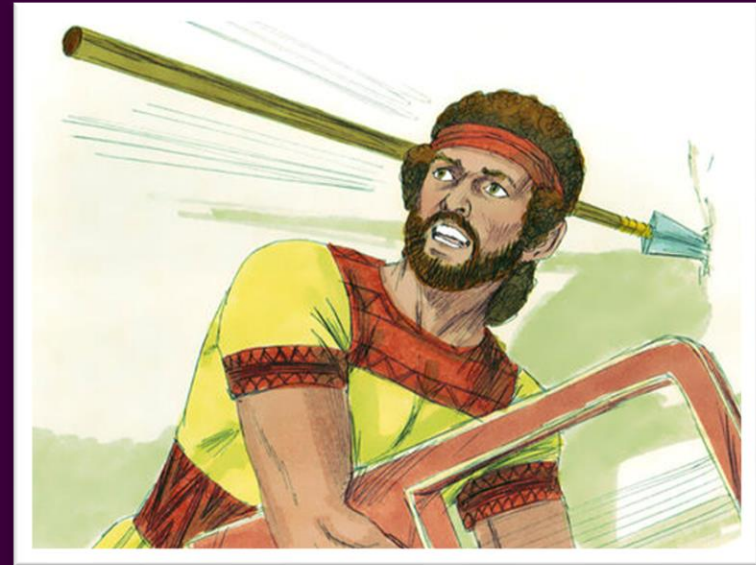


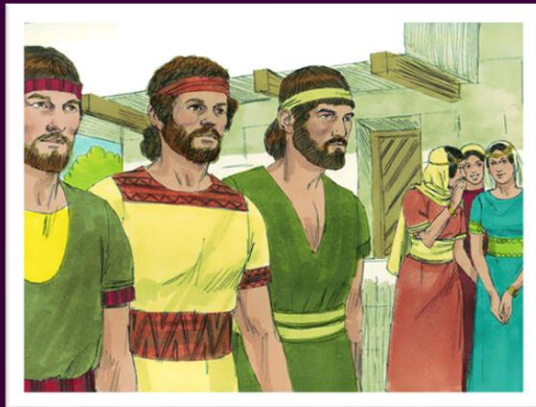
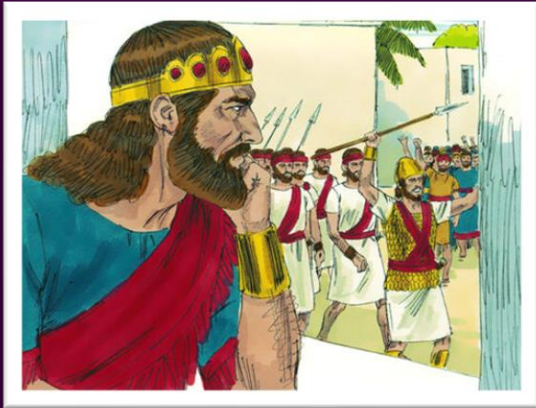
After David had killed the Philistine (Goliath), he and the men returned home. Women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul. They sang songs of joy, danced and played tambourines and stringed instruments. As they played, they sang,

"Saul has killed thousands of his enemies.
But David has killed tens of thousands!"

The women's song upset Saul, and he became very angry. He thought, "The women say David has killed tens of thousands of enemies. But they say I killed only thousands of enemies. **The only thing left for him to have is the kingdom!**" So Saul watched David closely from then on. He was **jealous** of him.

The next day an evil spirit from God entered Saul with power. And he prophesied in his house. David was playing the harp as he usually did. But Saul had a spear in his hand. He raised the spear and thought, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David got away from him two times.





The Lord was with David but had left Saul. So Saul was afraid of David. He sent David away from him. He made David commander of 1,000 soldiers. So David led them in battle. He had great success in everything he did because the Lord was with him. Saul saw that David was very successful. And he became even more afraid of David. But all the people of Israel and Judah loved David. This was because he led them well in battle.

Saul's daughter Michal was also in love with David...

The Philistine commanders continued to go out to fight the Israelites. But every time, David defeated them. He had more success than Saul's officers. And he became famous.

Saul told his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David.

Questions

1. How many times the word "success" or "successful" is used to describe David?
2. *"Saul has killed thousands of his enemies. But David has killed tens of thousands!"*
 - Was Saul also successful in battles?
 - If so, why was he jealous of David?
3. *"The Lord was with David but had left Saul. So Saul was afraid of David...Saul saw that David was very successful. And he became even more afraid of David."*
 - Why was Saul afraid of David? (Hint: What was Saul afraid of losing?)
4. What is the secret of David's success? (Hint: He was a man after ___'s ___ h____)
5. What is the main problem with Saul?

Compare David and Saul

David

David was a man after God's own heart. So God granted him success. Everyone liked David, and God was training him to be a leader.

1. Defeated Philistines every time
2. Became famous
3. Praised by women from all towns
4. Loved by the people
5. Loved by Saul's son & daughter
6. Led soldiers well in battle

The Lord was with David

Saul

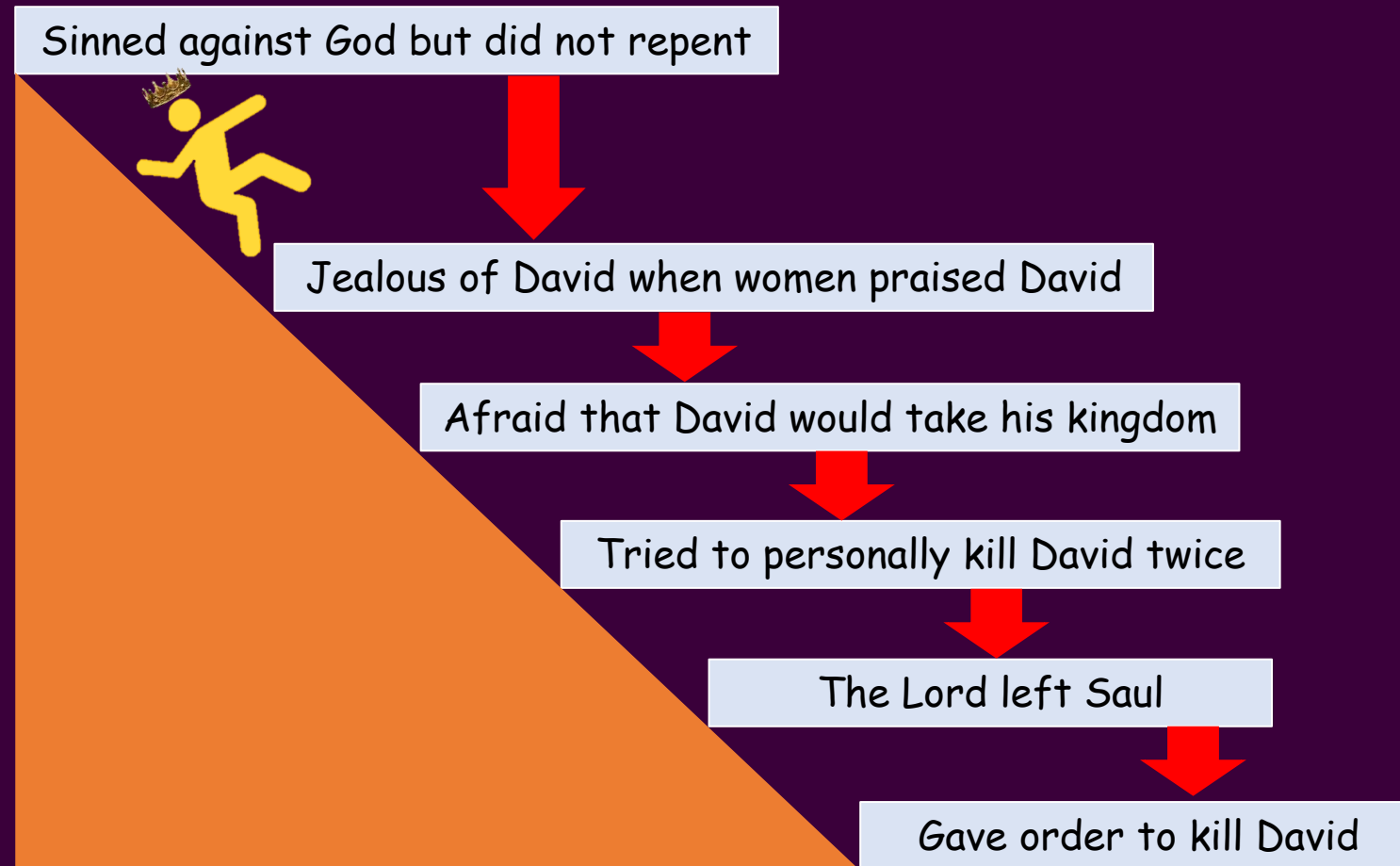
Saul sinned but did not repent. He continued to sin. He became jealous of David, lacked security, even tried to murder David.

1. Upset and angry with David
2. Jealous of David
3. Afraid that David would take his kingdom
4. Tried to personally kill David twice
5. Gave order to kill David

The Lord left Saul

Be Careful of Slippery Slope !

Saul sinned against God but didn't repent. Then he got jealous of David when women praised David more than him. He went from bad to worse and even tried to murder David.



Let's Talk About Jealousy

Have you ever been jealous of other people? E.g. a classmate more popular than you? A colleague got promoted? Your neighbour's daughter got a school prize?

1. Saul was jealous of David because people were praising David more than him.

Spiritual Lesson - Seek praise from God, not from people.

2. Saul was also successful in battle but he didn't look at that. He only looked at what he did not have.

Spiritual Lesson - Stop comparing with others. Be thankful for what God has already given us.

3. Saul was first jealous and then became afraid of losing his kingdom to David

Spiritual Lesson - Jealousy reveals the idols we worship in our hearts. Saul worshipped his kingship instead of God, which was why he was jealous & afraid of David. → So what are your idols?

Wrapping Up

- ❑ Sin is a slippery slope. Repent right away before it leads to more sins.
- ❑ Instead of being jealous of what you don't have, be thankful of the many gifts God has already given you.

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

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Jesus Loves You

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