

# Little Hands, Big Hearts

## *Worship for the Family*

*Week 27: David Spares Saul*



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### Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. I have uploaded a teen songbook that we use at camp. Perhaps you will spot some songs that are familiar and you can sing together as a family. Click [here](#) to download the songbook.

### Review

Last week we took a look at the story of Jonathan and David. Who was Jonathan? What made his relationship with David uniquely challenging? Why did Saul want to kill David? What event had David and Jonathan decided to use in revealing Saul's intent? What signal would Jonathan use to communicate with David? What lessons did we take away from this Bible event?

### Devotional Thought

This week we are reading 1 Samuel 24:1-22.

The tensions between David and Saul have come to a head. Saul learns where David and his small band of men are and he takes 3,000 men to go and hunt them all down. What is interesting about this Bible event is the impact of God's revelation to David. God had told David that he would be allowed to do what he wanted with Saul.

The Biblical account tells us that Saul had stepped into a cave to relieve himself. It just so happened that David and his men were hiding in the same cave. Quite obviously God had orchestrated this encounter. What did David do?

It is interesting to note that the text says, "And afterward David's heart struck him.." - 1 Sam. 24:5. Today we would say that our conscience was speaking to us. Even though David had full permission to do whatever he wished to Saul, his heart realized that this warning was the best course of action.

If David had killed Saul what could have been the long-term consequences?

### Conclusion

What a great reminder about self control even when God has given us freedom and liberty. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the freedoms He has given us.



## **David Spares Saul's Life**

1 Samuel 24:1-22