

# Little Hands, Big Hearts

## *Worship for the Family*

*Week 28: Saul's Death*



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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 David sparing Saul's life. If Saul had vowed to kill David, why would David be motivated to spare Saul's life? There was a very specific reason. Did you get it? Here's the answer - Saul was God's anointed. David found it objectionable to kill Saul even though God had said it was justified. How many men did David have with him (approximately)? How many men did Saul take? How did these two men happen to bump into each other? What proof did David have?

### Devotional Thought

!!WARNING!! This week's devotional is another text that might be challenging for young children. Saul kills himself in this text. You have been warned! Read 1 Samuel 31:1-13

The death of Saul is a BIG deal. Don't believe me? The story is repeated at least three times in the Old Testament - 1 Samuel 13:1-13; 1 Chronicles 10:1-12; 2 Samuel 1. The first two accounts are almost identical but the third account is told from a different perspective - David's. I suggest taking time to read all three accounts. Does one sound different from the others? Can you explain why the account in 2 Samuel 1 sounds different from the other two?

The young Amalekite was telling a half-truth when he was talking to David. He was probably nearby when Saul died, but thought he was positioning himself well with David by saying he killed Saul. With no witnesses to refute his claim, this foolish young man decided to take the credit. He died because he killed the Lord's anointed.

The text in 1 Sam. 31 and 1 Chron. 10 are almost identical. They enforce the veracity of this event. It is interesting to note that in our previous study David promised to Saul that he would not kill him or his heirs. In this swift change of events that was a promise he no longer had to worry about.

### Conclusion

How did the events we read about today impact what God was going to do? If you don't know the answer, keep reading and we will let the Bible reveal it to us.



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