

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 8

Saul Chases David

Theme: Humility — Trusting in God

Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 1 Samuel 26:1-12
- 2 1 Samuel 26:13-20
- 3 1 Samuel 26:21-25
- 4 1 Samuel 27:1-7
- 5 1 Samuel 31:1-13

Saul was jealous of David and tried several times to kill him. David respected Saul as God’s anointed and did not fight back. Saul went home and did not chase David for a while.

Saul Chases David Again

Saul stayed at home for a while, but before

1 Samuel 26:1-12

When David came into Saul’s camp, Saul was:

- in a cave
- surrounded by his whole army
- out on a raid

David was able to take Saul’s spear and jug because:

- Saul was drunk
- God caused Saul and his men to sleep
- God blinded Saul and his army



long some men came and told him where David was hiding. Saul was so jealous of David that he took 3,000 soldiers and went after him again. David learned that Saul was after him and sent out spies to learn where Saul was and what he was doing. One night, David came to the place where Saul and his army were camped.

Saul was sleeping in a well protected place — in the center of the camp. Abner, the commander of Saul's army, was near him. Three thousand soldiers were all around Saul. The king had his spear stuck in the ground close to his head and his water jug was nearby. It seemed impossible for David to come near Saul. But once again, God was with David in a special way. God caused a deep sleep to come upon Saul and his whole army.

1 Samuel 26:13-20

David said that Abner should die because he:

- fell asleep
- did not guard the Lord's anointed
- got drunk



1 Samuel 26:21-25

David refused to kill Saul because he respected Saul as:

- the Lord's anointed
- Jonathan's father
- a mighty warrior

David valued Saul's life. What did David wish that Saul would do about his life?

David Respects the Lord's Anointed

David and Abishai, one of his mighty men, were able to go right into Saul's camp. Abishai asked David for permission to kill Saul. One more time, David respected Saul as God's anointed. Instead of killing Saul, David took Saul's spear and water jug, and then he and Abishai left Saul's camp.

When David and Abishai were a good distance away, David showed Abner that he had Saul's spear and water jug. Saul heard David's voice and realized that once again David could have killed him but didn't. David said Saul could send a young man over to get the spear. Saul knew he was being foolish and that David was a good man and would be a great king. Finally, Saul went back to his place, and he and David never met again.

David Leads in a Crisis

David decided to seek protection by staying for a while with the Philistines. David appeared to be with the Philistines, but secretly fought for the Israelites. One time, David and his men came back to Ziklag where their families had been

staying. David discovered that the Amalekites had come to Ziklag, burned the city, and had taken all the women and children as prisoners of war. Some of David's men were upset about this and talked about stoning David. In this crisis, David showed outstanding leadership qualities.

Instead of being angry and losing control of himself, David prayed to God and trusted God to work out the situation. David led his men to go after the Amalekites and rescued their wives and children. David

reminded everyone that the Lord gave them victory. He made a way for everyone to be treated fairly. The people, who just a few hours earlier were ready to stone David, now honored him.

1 Samuel 27:1-7

David protected himself by pretending to side with the:

- Amalekites
- Philistines
- Canaanites



1 Samuel 31:1-13

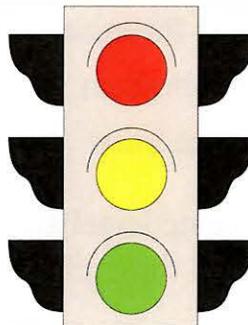
Match the following:

Men of Jabesh-Gilead cut off Saul's head and showed it off as a trophy.

The Philistines took their bodies and burned them and buried their bones.



When I am chosen to lead a project or a team, I pray for God to help me.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

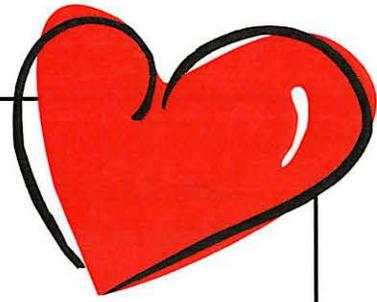
Yellow — sometimes

Green — always

Think About It ...

Describe how you act when you get really angry:

Now describe how you can improve your behavior when you get really angry, like a good leader would behave:



Working Hard on Bible Facts

How many books are in the New Testament?

Using letters, put the major stages of Bible history in their proper order:

- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Living in the Promised Land
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai

On a map inside the back cover, locate Israel and the Nations of Edom, Ammon, Moab, and Philistia. Be ready to find these places on a blank map in class.