

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think David felt when he saw Saul in the cave?
- Why is it sometimes hard to choose peace and forgiveness over revenge and conflict?
- Who can you show mercy to this week?

David Showed Mercy

1 Samuel 24

STORY POINT: DAVID SHOWED MERCY EVEN THOUGH SAUL HATED HIM.

David was hiding in the wilderness. King Saul was jealous of David and went looking for him. David and his men were hiding in the back of a cave when Saul happened to pass by. Saul decided to go inside.

David got close to Saul and secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe. Saul didn't realize that David was there. David did not let his men fight against Saul. Then Saul left the cave and went on his way.

David left the cave and called to Saul, "My lord the king!" Saul turned around, and David knelt low before him.

"See, God handed you over to me today in the cave. I had a chance to kill you, but I showed mercy." David showed Saul the corner of the robe that he had cut.

When Saul heard David's words, he cried. "You are more righteous than I," Saul said, "because you have done what is good to me though I have done what is evil to you. May God reward you for your kindness."

Saul realized God was with David, and he knew David would be the king of Israel.



Christ Connection: Christ Connection: David showed mercy to Saul, his enemy, because David trusted God's plan. Jesus also trusted His Father's plan. He died on the cross so His enemies could experience God's mercy and live forever as part of God's family.