

**Year 2**

**Week 74**

### **Saul Tries To Kill David Again**

**Scriptures: 1 Samuel 21 (verses 1-6) and 1 Samuel 23 and 24**

**Key Verse: 1 Samuel 24:11 “Moreover my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, yet you hunt my life to take it.”**

#### **Key Points:**

1. Saul continued to wage a war campaign against David and the men who had joined him in support as Saul pursued them daily. As David was fleeing from Saul, he went to the tabernacle to ask the priest, Ahimelech, for provisions. The showbread (which was replaced weekly) had just been replaced with hot bread. Ahimelech gave David the 12 older loaves since there was no other bread or food there. Ahimelech also gave David the huge sword of Goliath's. Saul later killed all the priests (except one who escaped) because of Ahimelech's kindness to David.
2. David took to the forests and mountainous wildernesses to escape Saul's grasp. Once, while David and his men hid in the recesses of a cave, Saul entered the cave, unaware of their presence. Even though one of David's men encouraged David to kill Saul, David would not "raise his hand against God's anointed." David merely cut off the corner of Saul's royal robe.
3. David's pure heart made him feel sorry for even cutting off the robe corner. He called out to Saul at a distance to tell him even though he had the opportunity, he would not kill him. He promised Saul not to cut-off his descendants (kill them).

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## David and Saul

E G S A A C I C  
E O A T N O D A  
A O U L O R A V  
A D L A I N V E  
R O B E N E I H  
E V I L T R D A  
I A R R E O A R  
R A O I D A O M

**Word List:**

DAVID  
HARM

SAUL  
ANOINTED

CAVE  
GOOD

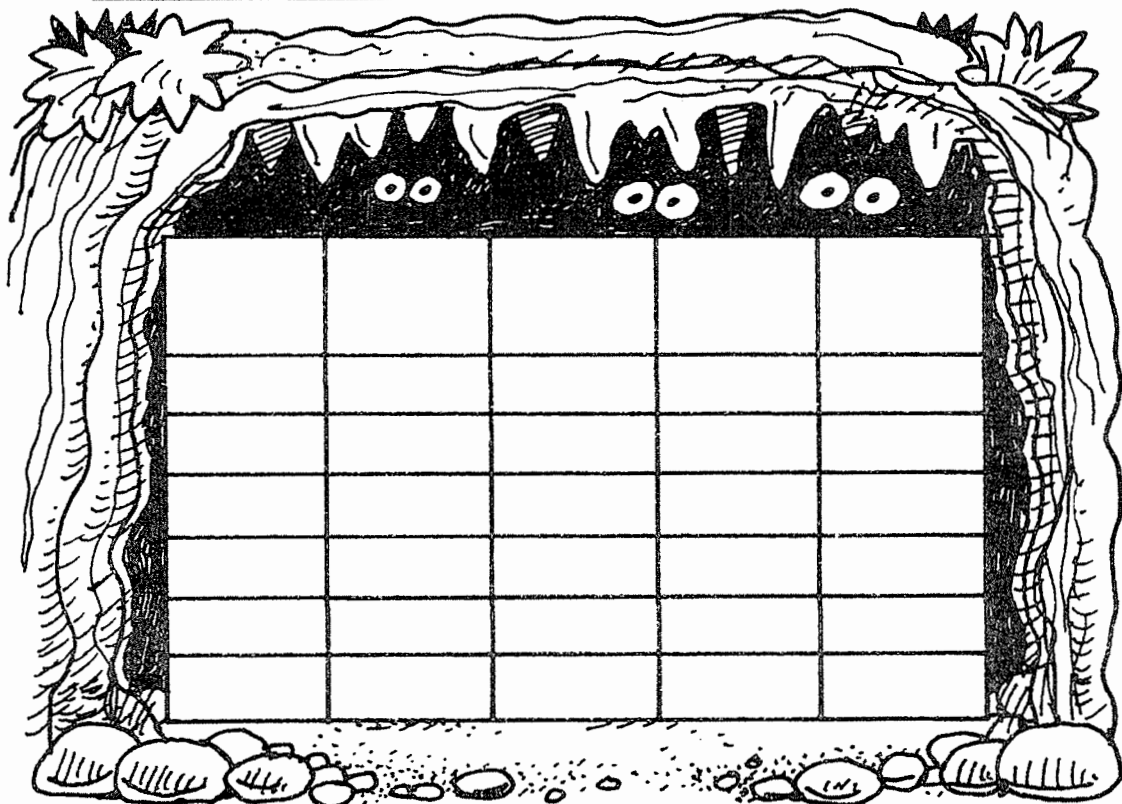
ROBE  
EVIL

CORNER

# HAVE MERCY ON ME!

Unscramble the bold letters at the top of the box to spell the name of a main character from 1 Samuel 24:1-17. Then write the bold letters in the correct order in the top of the empty box. Take the columns that appear under each bold letter and write them under the same letter in the empty box. When completed, read from left to right to see what he said to show mercy.

<b>V</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>
Lord	May	judge	between	the
me.	you	And	may	and
avenge	the	the	wrongs	Lord
done	you	to	me,	have
hand	but	will	not	my
	touch			you.



David Spares  
Saul  
1 Samuel 26

# David Is Trustworthy

David hid in the desert because Saul was trying to kill him. But David had done nothing bad to Saul, and he wanted to be friends with Saul again.

At night, Saul slept right in the middle of the army camp. His men were all around him to protect him. One night, David and his friend Abishai walked right past all the sleeping soldiers—right up to King Saul! "This is your chance," said Abishai, "let me kill him."

Cross out all the B's, E's, F's, and G's. Put the leftover letters on the spaces to find out what David said to Abishai.

BDeofng't bkeifl GSeafubl!

\_\_\_\_\_

Later, David talked to King Saul. Cross out all the B's, G's, H's and K's to find out what David said to Saul.



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Byhokugr lbibfe  
thokdhagy.

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Saul Tries to Kill David Again  
I Samuel 21, 23, 24

**Memory Verse:**

**“You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.” I Sam 24:17**

**Choose the best answer:**

Ahimelech gave David \_\_\_\_\_ bread. (21: 6)

- a. Holy.
- b. Common.
- c. Uncommon.

David was afraid of Achish, so he pretended to be: (21:12)

- a. Tired.
- b. Insane.
- c. Dead.

Whose sword did David take with him? (21:9)

- a. Saul's.
- b. Jesse's.
- c. Goliath's.

David used his makeshift army to save the town of: (23:5)

- a. Keilah.
- b. Nob.
- c. Bethlehem.

Saul was about to capture David when he turned back to fight the:  
(23:28)

- a. Jebusites.
- b. Amalakites.
- c. Philistines.

When David had opportunity to kill Saul, he: (24:4)

- a. Killed Saul.
- b. Cut off a corner of his robe.
- c. Cut off a piece of his hair.

When Saul saw that David had spared him, he: (24:20)

- a. Attempted to kill him.
- b. Admitted that David would become king.
- c. Begged David to leave the kingdom.

**Answer the following question in your own words:**

Saul was impressed that David had chosen to do good to someone who had been mean towards him. God wants us to do what is right, even to people who are hateful to us. Think about how Saul changed after David did what was right. How do you think our actions affect others? If we are hateful to someone, how might that affect them? What if we are kind to someone who is hateful to us?

## LESSON 4

### DAVID FINDS SAUL IN A CAVE

I Sam. 24

**INTRODUCTION.** After David and Jonathan made their second covenant, David became a fugitive and outlaw, running from Saul for most of the remainder of Saul's life. David first fled to Nob, a town in the territory of Benjamin called, "the city of the priests" (I Sam. 22:19). There the priest Ahimelech gave him some provisions and Goliath's sword, for David was unarmed and without any weapons (I Sam. 21:1-9).

David next went to Achish, the king of the Philistine city of Gath, but he was not welcome there among the Philistines (I Sam. 21:10-15). He escaped then to the cave of Adullam, a large cave in the lowlands of Judah. His father's family joined him there as well as a fighting force of 400 men who were discontented, distressed, and in debt. David removed his family to Moab for safety, then returned to Judah at the advice of the prophet Gad (I Sam. 22:1-5).

Meanwhile an Edomite named Doeg informed Saul that the priest Ahimelech had aided David. Saul called for Ahimelech and all the priests at Nob and commanded his servants to slay them. The servants of the king refused to strike the priests of the Lord, so Saul told Doeg, the Edomite, to kill them. Doeg killed eighty-five priests that day then attacked Nob, killing all in the city. Abiathar, one of the sons of Ahimelech, managed to escape and fled to David (I Sam. 22:6-23).

As David moved from place to place constantly trying to elude Saul and his men, his force of followers increased to 600. David and his 600 men next delivered the city of Keilah, located in the southern lowlands of Judah, from an attack by the Philistines. When Saul heard that David was in Keilah, he sent his army to besiege the city and trap David. However, David was warned by God, and he and his men fled to the wilderness of Ziph. It was at this time while David was in the hill country of Judah in the wilderness of Ziph that Jonathan came to him, and they renewed their covenant for the third time (I Sam. 23:1-18).

After a while the Ziphites betrayed David to Saul, so David and his men moved a little farther south in the wilderness. Saul continued to seek David, but receiving a message that the Philistines were invading his territory, he left his pursuit of David and turned against the Philistines (I Sam. 23:19-29).

David then went to Engedi at the edge of the wilderness on the western shore of the Dead Sea. This was an oasis watered by a hot spring that gushed forth hundreds of feet above the base of a large cliff, and the rocky gorges in the area offered many hideouts. When Saul returned from his encounters with the Philistines, he continued his pursuit of David with 3000 men. Saul went into one of the many caves in the area to rest unaware that David and his men were in the innermost part of the same cave (I Sam. 24).

#### A. DAVID FINDS SAUL

1. When David was in the wilderness of Engedi, Saul took \_\_\_\_\_ and went to seek David. (I Sam. 24:1-2)
2. Saul went into a \_\_\_\_\_ unaware that David and his men were in the innermost part. (I Sam. 24:3)
3. David's men told him the Lord had delivered his \_\_\_\_\_ into his hand. (I Sam. 24:4)
4. David secretly cut off a portion of Saul's \_\_\_\_\_. (I Sam. 24:4)
5. Afterwards David's heart \_\_\_\_\_ him because he had cut off Saul's robe. (I Sam. 24:5)
6. David told his men he could not harm the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_. (I Sam. 24:6)
7. David \_\_\_\_\_ his servants and did not allow them to harm Saul. (I Sam. 24:7)
8. When Saul left the cave, David arose and went out, calling to Saul, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ . (I Sam. 24:8)



9. When Saul looked behind him, David \_\_\_\_\_ with his face to the ground. (I Sam. 24:8)
10. David told Saul that the Lord had delivered Saul into his hand, and though some urged him to kill Saul, he would not put forth his hand against the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_. (I Sam. 24:9-10)
11. He showed to Saul the portion of robe he had cut off, but told him he had not killed him, nor had he \_\_\_\_\_ against him, yet Saul hunted him to take his life. (I Sam. 24:11)
12. David said the Lord would judge between the two of them, but his (David's) \_\_\_\_\_ would not harm Saul. (I Sam. 24:12)
13. What proverb did David speak? (I Sam. 24:13)
14. He asked Saul whom he was pursuing: a dead \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_? (I Sam. 24:14)

#### **B. SAUL'S REMORSE**

1. When David finished speaking, Saul \_\_\_\_\_. (I Sam. 24:16)
2. He said David was more \_\_\_\_\_ than he. (I Sam. 24:17)
3. David had rewarded him with \_\_\_\_\_, but he had rewarded David with \_\_\_\_\_. (I Sam. 24:17)
4. Saul said, If a man find his \_\_\_\_\_, will he let him go away? (I Sam. 24:19)
5. Saul said he knew David would one day be \_\_\_\_\_, and the kingdom of Israel would be established in his hand. (I Sam. 24:20)
6. Saul asked David to swear that he would not cut off his \_\_\_\_\_, nor destroy his name from his father's house. (I Sam. 24:21)

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – David a Fugitive

Read 1 Samuel 21 - 24:22

- Why did David flee?
- Why didn't David try to kill Saul when he had the chance?
- What is mercy?
- What kind of character did it take to let Saul live?
- Why was David a better person than Saul?
- Why is it important to forgive?
- What was Saul's problem?
- Why couldn't he accept David's goodness?

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – Saul's Pursuit of David

Read 1 Samuel 26

- Why is Saul still in pursuit of David?
- What is jealousy? Why is it bad?
- Why wouldn't David kill Saul? (1 Sam 26:9)
- Why does David take Saul's spear and water jug? (1 Sam 26:10-12)
- What was David's message to Saul and his body guard? (1 Sam 26:15-16)
- What is Saul's reaction to David's message?
- Should David return to Saul? Why?
- Would you be as forgiving if someone tried to hurt you?

## David and Saul - 1 Samuel 24

Fill in the missing words:

(v1) Now it happened, when Saul had returned from following the  
\_(a)\_ , that it was told him, saying, "Take note! \_(b)\_ is in the  
Wilderness of En Gedi. (v2) Then \_(c)\_ took \_(d)\_ chosen men from  
all \_(e)\_ , and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the  
Wild Goats.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_  
c) \_\_\_\_\_ d) \_\_\_\_\_  
e) \_\_\_\_\_



### Word Puzzle

D M A L A T J L L X E Z L J A  
A J E K U B I L L G V S D B O  
V N P N G A I G N B A R O B E  
I S V F N K S A V S C E E J Y  
D A E V I S R A E L C G S Z Z  
T J Q N V E F I N K A A L E X  
N I H M I H V Q I R V S R Y H  
T K G L G T E Q U E G T L E O  
Q H D V R X S O D N P D H U D  
T E Z S O M C I X I C B A R D  
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H I Y F V T V N F I O K U S M  
V I V D E V E C R G H G B L F  
U D D M E P D R D O Y P H Q L  
N A D C K G C N O U O U V Z G

CAVE  
COURAGE  
DAVID  
FORGIVING  
ISRAEL  
KILL  
KNIFE  
MEN  
PHILISTINES  
ROBE  
SAUL  
SAVED  
SCARED

Interesting fact: The caves in the desert of En Gedi were used by the people as a place to stay and it also served as a burial place. The caves were large enough to hold 1000's of people.