

NOVEMBER 27, 2022: DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

Hello! Glad you could join us this week for our SPAC Kids Ministries online lesson!

Oh, no! I just got mud all over my shirt! I better clean up—I think I'll use...more mud? That doesn't make much sense at all, but that's what we do when we try to solve problems by getting revenge on the people that hurt us. Revenge just makes a mess messier! That's why David spared Saul's life even after Saul treated him pretty badly. David knew that you can't clean up mud with mud, and that God had called to him to be better than that.

Here is a snapshot of the lesson details for this week:

Bible Story: David Spares Saul's Life

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Memory Verse: "Make sure that no one pays back one wrong act with another. Instead, always try to do what is good for each other and for everyone else." 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NirV)

After the video lesson, you can use the following materials to help take your family deeper into the lesson:

- Group activity guide
- Coloring page for kids
- GO! Home guide for kids
- Bible verse sign

It can be so tempting to lash out at the people who hurt us, but I think that the reason God can be so compassionate is that He knows that we're all imperfect. He sees all our flaws and He still forgives us! My prayer for us this week is that we'll see the brokenness in those who hurt us, and that we'll be able to have that same compassion towards them that God has for us.

In Him,

SPAC Kids Ministries



GROUP ACTIVITY

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Peace Pass

Supplies: Balloon and permanent markers

Set up: For each small group, inflate a balloon and use a marker to write the following verse on it:

"The Lord blesses His people with peace." Psalm 29:11 (NirV)

Say: In today's Bible story, David made sure that he didn't pay back one wrong act with another. David didn't get revenge on King Saul. And that's what God wants for us too. We shouldn't let people hurt us, but when they do, we should do what is good—we should respond with peace. God wants us to live in peace, so we should avoid taking revenge. It can be so tempting to want revenge, but Jesus wants us to make peace with people who sin against us. There's another kind of peace, though. It's the kind of peace that we feel inside of us when our heart and mind are calm. Psalm 29:11 tells us who can give us that kind of peace. Let's read it.

Directions: Read the Bible verse on the balloon and ask the question below. Next, toss the balloon to a kid in your group. Encourage the kid holding the balloon to share their answer to the question. When finished, have that kid toss the balloon to another kid and repeat. Continue until every kid has a turn to share. Finally, lead your group in a closing prayer. Encourage the kids to tell God about the things that keep them from feeling peace. Have them ask God to bless them with peace in their hearts and minds.

Question: Is there anything in your life that keeps you from feeling peace? In other words, is there anything that makes you mad, sad, worried, or afraid?



HOMEGUIDE



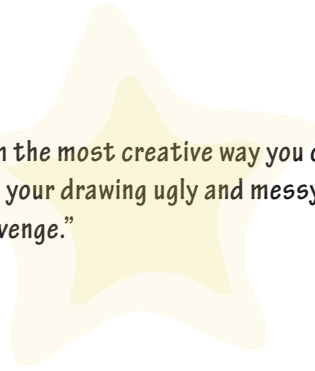
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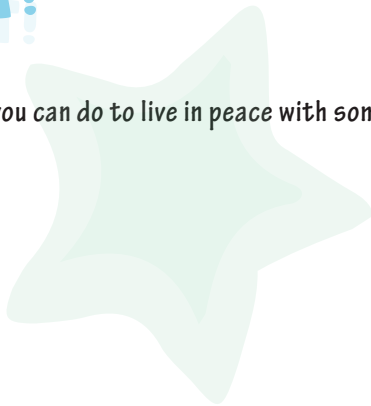
LESSON 4.3



Draw the word "Revenge" in the most creative way you can think of. Revenge is ugly and messy, so make your drawing ugly and messy. When finished, draw a big "X" through "Revenge."



Tell God about all the things you can do to live in peace with someone who hurts you.



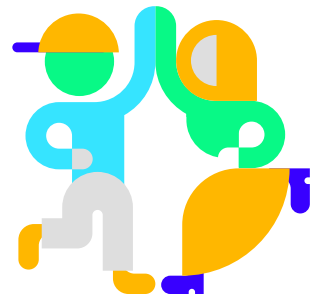
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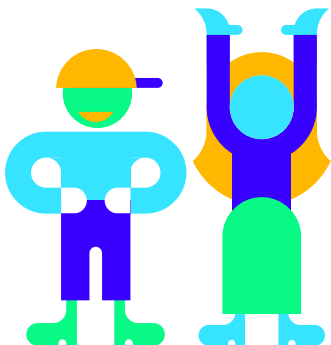
READ IT!

1 Samuel 24. Write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



PRAY IT!

Write a prayer to God. Tell him you'll do your best not to take revenge when someone hurts you.



NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

DAVID SINS

BIG IDEA: God is merciful, so we can go to Him for forgiveness.

BIBLE BASIS: 2 Samuel 11

KEY VERSE: "Even though your sins are bright red, they will be white as snow. Even though they are deep red, they will be white like wool." Isaiah 1:18



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