

SAUL & DAVID BECOME ENEMIES

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¹After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ²From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. ³And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

⁵Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

⁶When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. ⁷As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”

⁸Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” ⁹And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

¹⁰The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I'll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. ¹³So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

¹⁷Saul said to David, “Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD.” For

Saul said to himself, “I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!”

¹⁸But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my father's clan in Israel, that I should become the king's son-in-law?” ¹⁹So when the time came for Merab, Saul's daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.

²⁰Now Saul's daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. ²¹“I will give her to him,” he thought, “so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David, “Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law.”

²²Then Saul ordered his attendants: “Speak to David privately and say, ‘Look, the king is pleased with you, and his attendants all like you; now become his son-in-law.’”

²³They repeated these words to David. But David said, “Do you think it is a small matter to become the king's son-in-law? I'm only a poor man and little known.”

²⁴When Saul's servants told him what David had said, ²⁵Saul replied, “Say to David, ‘The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’” Saul's plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines.

²⁶When the attendants told David these things, he was pleased to become the king's son-in-law. So before the allotted time elapsed, ²⁷David and his men went out and killed two hundred Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented the full number to the king so that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

²⁸When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, ²⁹Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days.

³⁰The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the women sing about when David came home after killing Goliath?
5		2.) How did Saul feel about what the women were singing?
5		3.) What made David an enemy to Saul?
5		4.) Why do you think David was so successful against the Philistines?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 6:33</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Saul is upset that David killed more Philistines than him

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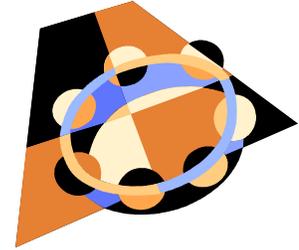
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: TAMBOURINES

Students will make tambourines to remind them that, when David came back from killing the Philistines, the women sang his praises.

MATERIALS

1. Paper plates
2. Pinto beans
3. Stapler
4. Streamers
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Glue
7. Stickers (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out two paper plates to each student.
2. Have students glue pieces of streamers to the inside edge of one of the plates.
3. Pour a small handful of beans onto the plate with streamers glued to it.
4. Staple the other plate on top.
5. Have students decorate the outside with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
6. Optional: Decorate tambourines with stickers.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their tambourines, remind them that the Lord was with David. While Saul loved the success that David achieved, he was filled with envy. Saul sought to put an end to David's life by having him fight against the Philistines for his daughter's hand in marriage. As David returned, the women danced, played tambourines and lutes, and sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." David's success was of the Lord. He put God first, and all these things were given to him. Help students see that when the Lord is their focus, God will bless them in ways they cannot even imagine.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

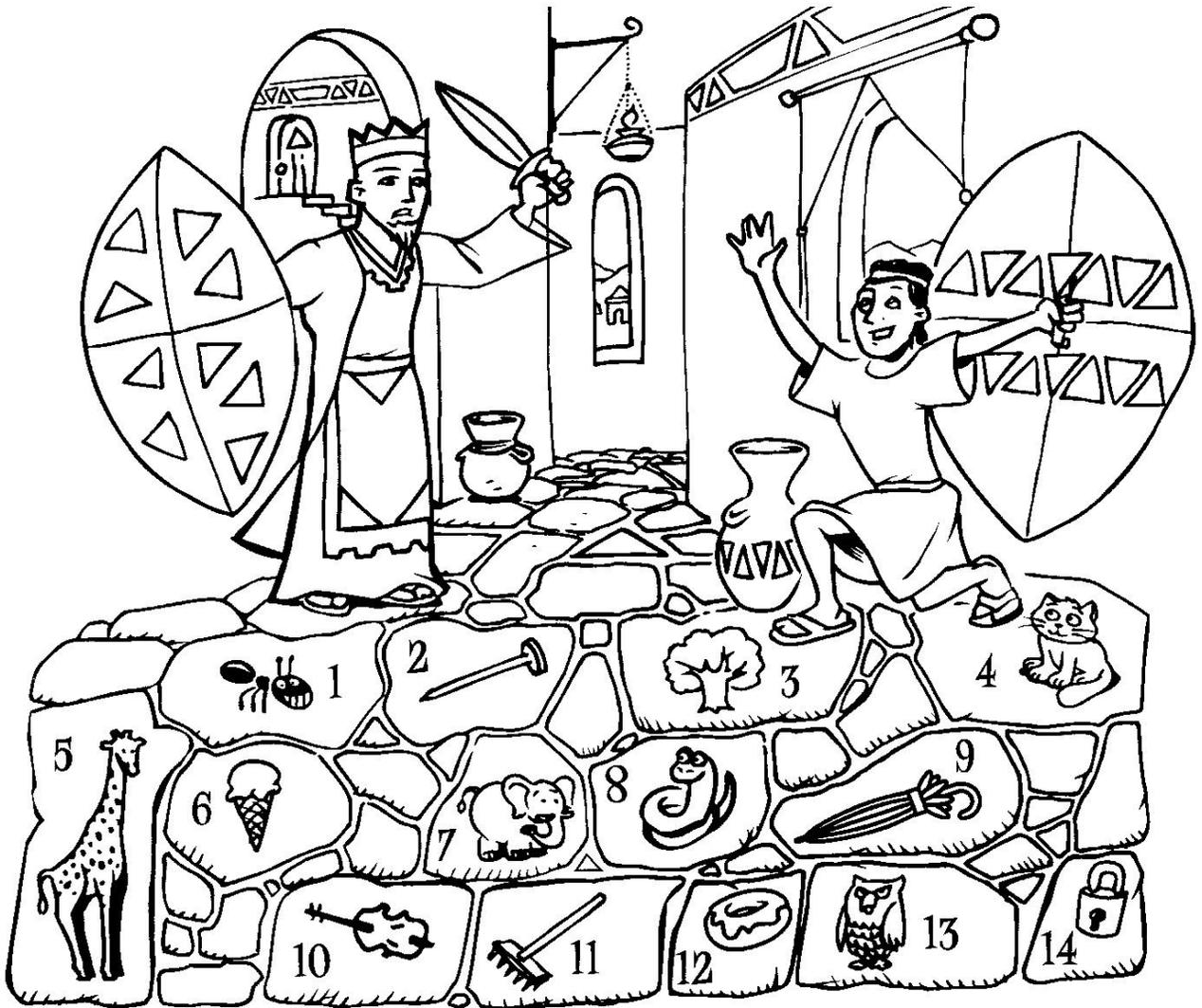
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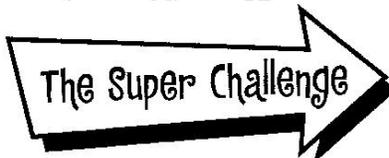
Write in the blanks the first letters of the pictures on the stone wall. Then figure out the missing letters. When you do, you'll find out what God gave David when King Saul wanted to hurt him.



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4 13 9 11 1 5 7 6 2

1 14 14 8 6 3 9 1 3 6 13 2 8



How many triangles can you find hidden in the background? _____

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 18:1-30

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David and Saul's son Jonathan became good friends. Jonathan gave David his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and his belt.

Saul was happy with David too. Everything Saul asked David to do, he did well. Saul

gave David a high rank in the army.

When the men rode back into town, the women began to sing, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

This made Saul angry! Saul was jealous of David. Saul was also afraid of David because the Lord was with him. The Lord had already left Saul.

The next day an evil spirit from God came upon Saul. While David was playing the harp, Saul picked up his spear and threw it at David!

Saul wanted David to marry his older daughter, but David did not want to marry her. Later, Saul offered David his younger daughter if he would only kill 100 Philistines. Saul was hoping that while David was fighting the Philistines he would die! David and his men killed 200 Philistines without dying.

David married Saul's daughter Michal.

Saul was still jealous of David. Saul and David became enemies.

To find out more, check out Judges 1 Samuel 18:1-30.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Saul jealous of David?
2. What did Saul try to do to David?
3. Who was David's friend?
4. Why do you think David was so successful against the Philistines?

MEMORY VERSE

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

FILL IN THE BLANKS

jealous	women	David
die	Philistines	enemy

Saul was happy with _____ until the _____ began singing about how great David was. Saul became _____ of David. David became an _____ of Saul. Saul wanted David to _____ while fighting the _____.