

# JONATHAN HELPS DAVID

## *1 Samuel 19:1-24*

### **1 Samuel 19**

<sup>1</sup>Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David <sup>2</sup>and warned him, “My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. <sup>3</sup>I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I’ll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out.”

<sup>4</sup>Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. <sup>5</sup>He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?”

<sup>6</sup>Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: “As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death.”

<sup>7</sup>So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

<sup>8</sup>Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

<sup>9</sup>But an evil spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the harp, <sup>10</sup>Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

<sup>11</sup>Saul sent men to David’s house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David’s wife, warned him, “If you don’t run for your life tonight, tomorrow you’ll be killed.” <sup>12</sup>So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. <sup>13</sup>Then Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats’ hair at the head.

<sup>14</sup>When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, “He is ill.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, “Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him.” <sup>16</sup>But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats’ hair.

<sup>17</sup>Saul said to Michal, “Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?”

Michal told him, “He said to me, ‘Let me get away. Why should I kill you?’”

<sup>18</sup>When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there. <sup>19</sup>Word came to Saul: “David is in Naioth at Ramah”; <sup>20</sup>so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul’s men and they also prophesied. <sup>21</sup>Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied. <sup>22</sup>Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Secu. And he asked, “Where are Samuel and David?”

“Over in Naioth at Ramah,” they said.

<sup>23</sup>So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. <sup>24</sup>He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel’s presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Jonathan do to help save David's life?
5		2.) How did Saul try to kill David?
5		3.) What did David's wife do to help David escape?
5		4.) Why do you think Saul was unable to kill David?

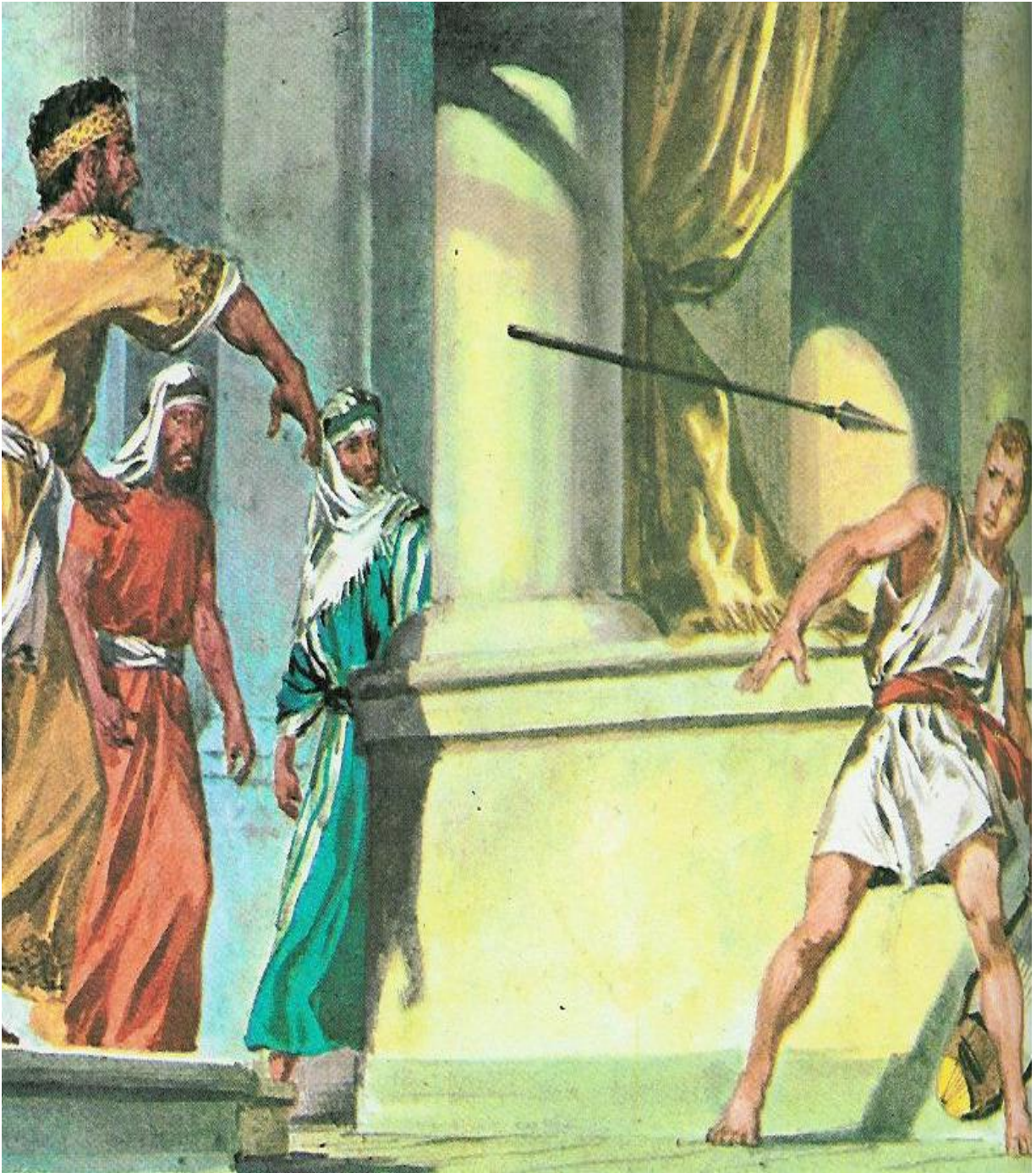
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 14:30</p>

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 throws a spear at David to kill him*

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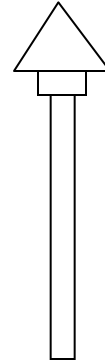
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SPEARS

Students will make spears to remind them that Saul's jealousy of David caused him to attempt to kill David with a spear.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Spear Tip Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Yarn or String
6. Drinking Straws
7. Tape



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the "Spear Tip" pattern onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the spear tips with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Encourage students to cut out their spear tip and fold it on the dotted line.
4. Help students put two drinking straws together by pinching one end and inserting that end into another straw. Tape the two straws together.
5. Cut a small piece of yarn or string for each student to tie their spear tip to one end of the drinking straws.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their spears, help them realize that God continued to protect David's life against Saul's attacks. Saul jealousy, or envy, caused him to resort to extreme measures. Encourage students not to be envious of others fame or talent, but to be at peace with the talents and gifts God has given them. Our memory verse contrasts those at peace with those who are envious.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

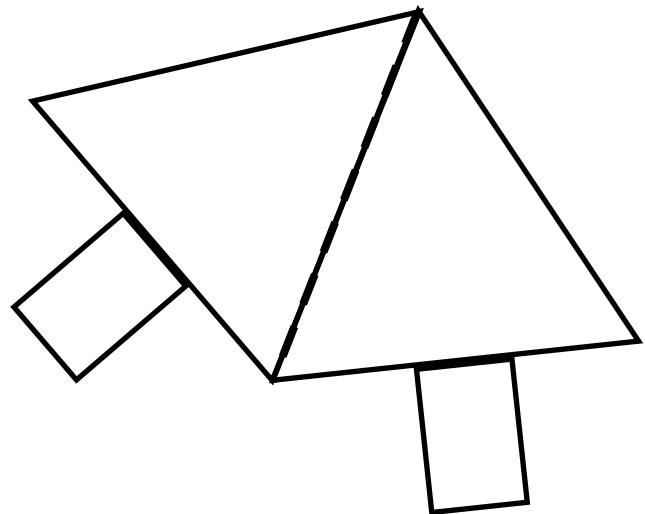
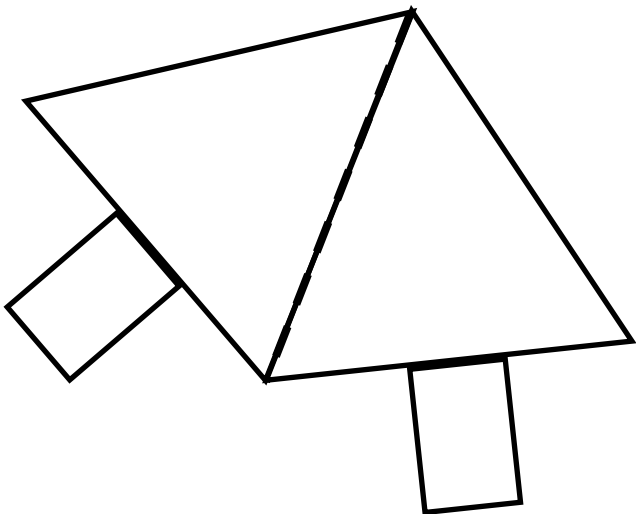
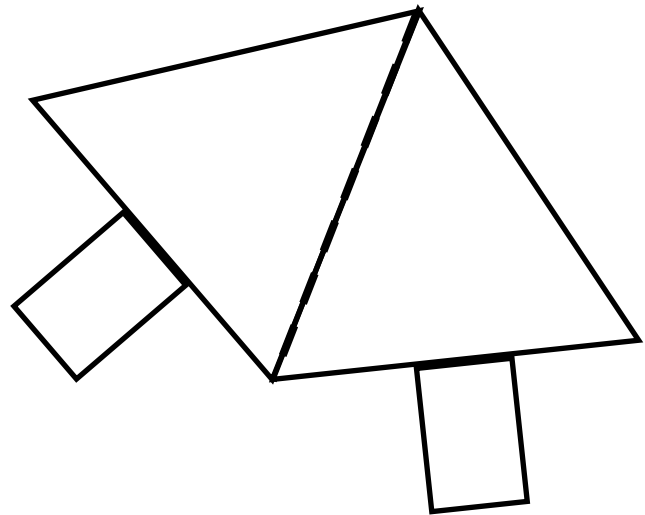
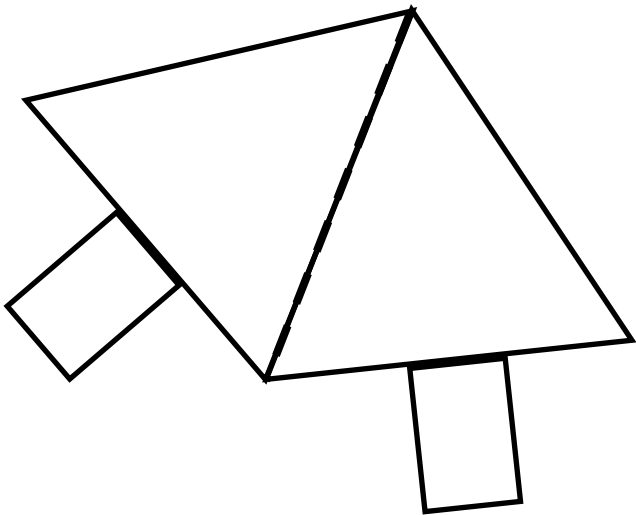
### MEMORY VERSE

*"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."*  
*Proverbs 14:30*

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SPEAR TIP PATTERN



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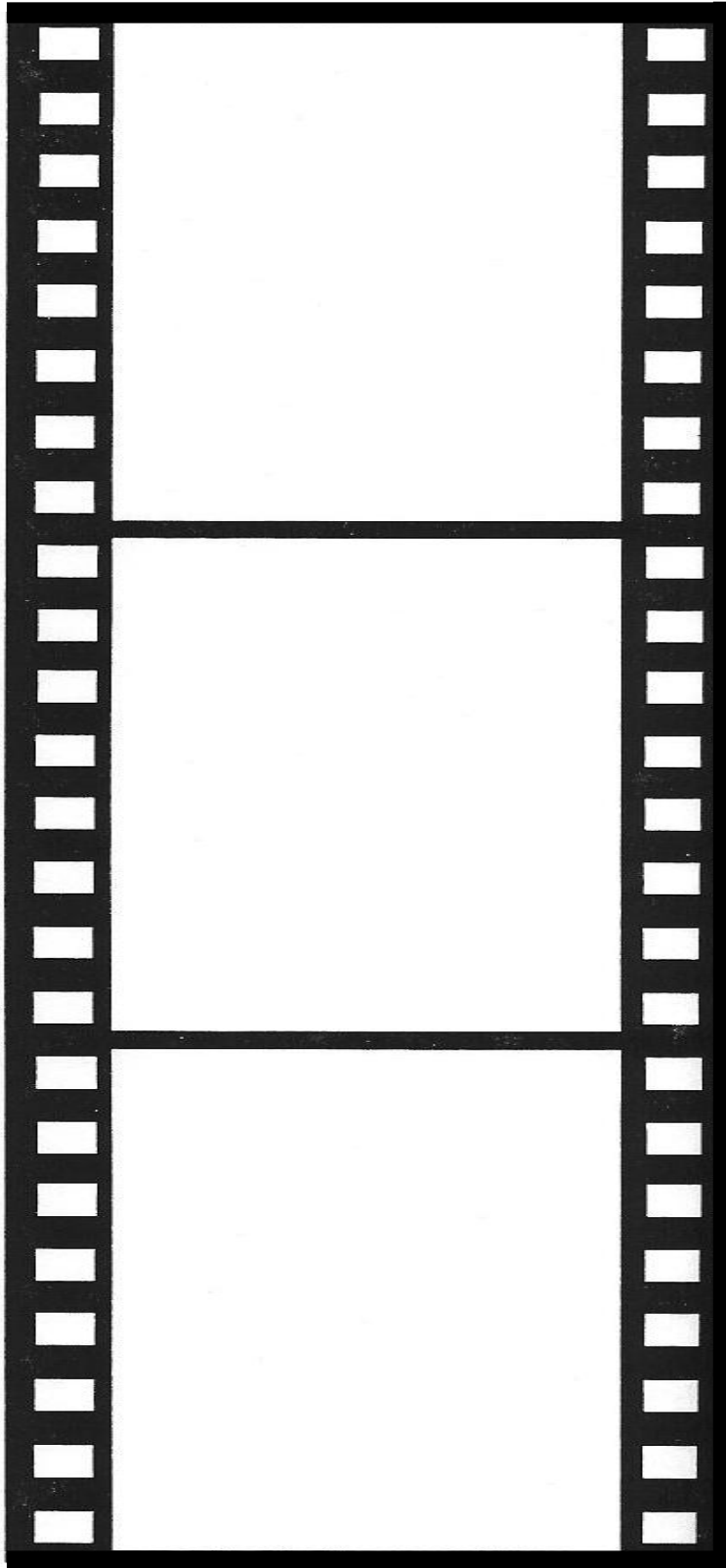
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**Directions:** Turn this paper to the side. Draw a picture in each frame. Then underneath each picture, write a sentence describing what you drew.

At the end of the story...

In the middle of the story...

At the beginning of the story...



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Saul was still jealous of David and wanted him dead. Saul told his servants and his son Jonathan to kill David. Jonathan did not want to kill David because they were

good friends.

Jonathan warned David that his father wanted him dead.

Jonathan talked to his father Saul. Jonathan asked him not to kill David. Saul promised he wouldn't kill David.

Later, another war broke out and David was successful against the Philistines.

When David was playing the harp for Saul, an evil spirit came upon Saul. Saul threw a spear at David, but he got away.

Saul sent men to David's house to kill him. David's wife helped him escape through a window. David's wife put an idol in David's bed to trick the men.

David went to Samuel to tell him what Saul was trying to do.

For more on this story, read 1 Samuel 19:1-24 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did Saul tell his servants and his son to do?
2. How did Saul try to kill David?
3. How did David's wife help him?
4. Why do you think Saul was unable to kill David?

## MEMORY VERSE

“A heart at peace gives life to the body,  
but envy rots the bones.”

Proverbs 14:30

## WORD SEARCH

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