

DAVID PLAYS FOR KING SAUL

1 Samuel 16:14-23

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¹⁴Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

¹⁵Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. ¹⁶Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better."

¹⁷So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

¹⁸One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

¹⁹Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." ²⁰So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

²¹David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. ²²Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."

²³Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Saul's attendants say to him?
5		2.) Who was chosen to play the harp for King Saul?
5		3.) What did Saul ask David's father?
5		4.) Why do you think King Saul felt better when David played for him?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."</p> <p>1 Corinthians 10:31</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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David plays the harp for King Saul

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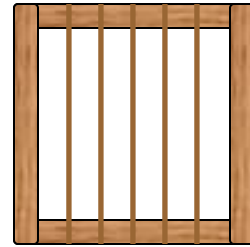
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HARPS

Students will make harps to help remind them that David played a harp for King Saul whenever the evil spirit came to him.

MATERIALS

1. Popsicle sticks
2. Glue
3. Small Rubber bands
4. Paper



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out four popsicle sticks to each student.
2. Have students glue the four sticks together (corner to corner) to in the shape of a square on a piece of paper.
3. Tell students to let the sticks to dry overnight.
4. Give each student several rubber bands to stretch over the popsicle frame to serve as strings.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their harps, remind them that David's job was to play the harp when the evil spirit from God came upon him. Saul was pleased with David and made him an armor bearer. As othe memory verse indicates, everything David did, he did for the glory of God.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

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Because King Saul sinned, the Lord's Spirit left him. Without the Lord's Spirit, Saul was a troubled and unhappy man. One day his servants said to him, "We will look for someone who can play the harp for you, then you will feel better." King Saul thought that was a good idea.

To find out who the servants found, unscramble the words in the boxes below. Write each correct word on the line below the box. Then you can find out who played the harp for King Saul.

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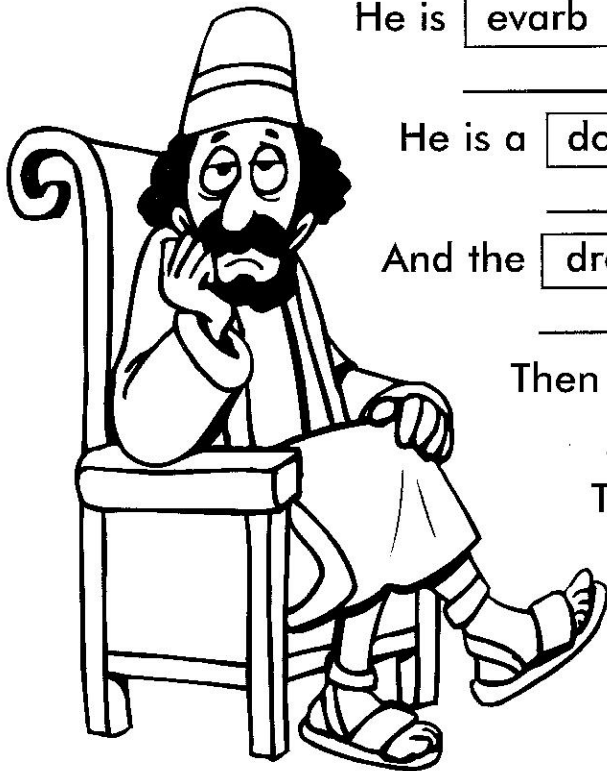
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The message ,

"Send me your son .



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 16:14-23

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The Spirit of God was no longer with Saul and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

Even Saul's servants knew that God had sent an evil spirit to torment him. They suggested that Saul

allow them to find someone who could play the harp. That way when Saul was feeling badly, the sweet music would help him feel better.

Saul said to his servants, "Find someone who plays the harp well and bring him to me."

One of the servants said he knew someone who was a brave man, a warrior, who speaks well, is fine looking, and plays the harp. The best part was that the Lord was with him.

Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse to tell him to send his son David to play the harp for him.

So Jesse loaded up a donkey with bread, wine, and a young goat to send with his son David.

David arrived and began working for Saul by playing the harp. Saul liked David very much. David became one of Saul's armor-bearers.

Whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take out his harp and play. Then the evil spirit would go away and Saul would feel better.

For more details, please read 1 Samuel 16:14-23 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened to Saul?
2. What did Saul's servants suggest he do to feel better?
3. Who played the harp for Saul?
4. Why do you think Saul made David his armor-bearer?

MEMORY VERSE

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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