LESSON 15

SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID



Aim: **To show the children how God protected his servant David when King Saul became jealous of him.**

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 18:1-16; 20:1-42; 22:1-2**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 1:3**
(continue learning v 3)
He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Ruta and Peris were two little sisters. Ruta received a beautiful new dress for her birthday. Peris was so upset by that that she cried. She wanted a new dress, too, but it was not her birthday. She tried to tear her sister's new dress. Peris was very jealous of Ruta, as she had something Peris wanted, but could not have.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. King Saul became very jealous of David. That sounds surprising – a king becoming jealous of a shepherd boy! But David had killed the giant Goliath and had a high position in the army. The women of Israel began to make up songs praising David above the king. This made Saul very angry (18:5-9).
2. David also became great friends with Saul's eldest son, Jonathan (18:1-5).
3. King Saul was so jealous of David that he began to lose control of himself. One day, as David was playing music to calm the king's nerves, Saul threw his spear at David. David dodged it and the spear hit the wall. Saul tried again, but again David escaped (18:10-11). **Show Picture 15.**
4. After that day Saul tried to kill David many times but many times his son Jonathan helped David escape. At one special feast David was supposed to eat with the king and his family. David did not know if it was safe to come or not. He did not understand why Saul was so angry at him. Jonathan offered to help David and they worked out a secret plan. Jonathan would warn him if there was danger (20:1-23).
5. When Jonathan went out to the field with his servant to practise with his bow and arrows, David hid behind a pile of rocks. When David heard Jonathan tell his servant to go look for the furthermost arrows, he knew that was Jonathan's signal to tell him it was not safe to stay near Saul (20:35-40).
6. After saying goodbye to Jonathan, David spent the next few years in the desert to escape from Saul (22:1-2).

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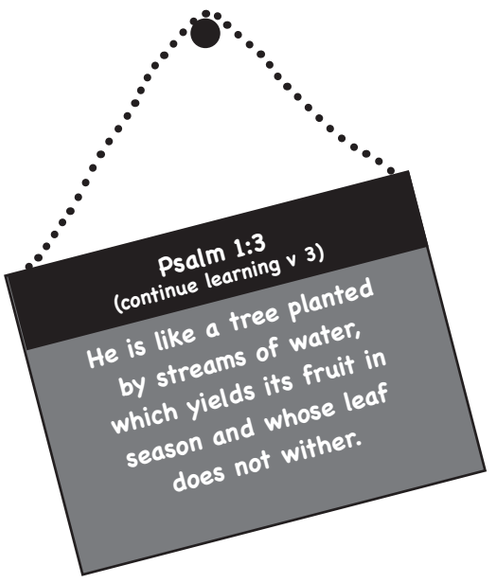
Our Response to the Story

1 Samuel 18:12 shows the difference between David and Saul. The Lord was with David. He put his trust in God and lived in obedience to the Lord in spite of many problems. Saul, on the other hand, was proud, jealous and disobedient. As a result he lived in fear and anger. Saul was the king and David only a poor, hunted man, but David was the one who had the privilege of God's company.

Jealousy may begin in a small way but it almost always grows and grows. In the end it can rule a person's life and lead to great evil. Which direction is your life going? Are you a Saul or a David?

Instil the Memory Verse

Review the verses of Psalm 1 the children have learnt so far.



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