Large Group

David Played for Saul

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 16
Memory Verse | Psalm 103:19
Story Point | David served Saul and played music to comfort him.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story
Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:
Who did the people of Israel choose as their first king? [Allow responses.] God's people chose Saul to be the first king of Israel. Saul saved Israel from some of their enemies, but he was disobedient to God. God rejected Saul as king. Who did God choose to be the next king of Israel? [Allow responses.] God chose David to be the next king. David may not have looked like a king on the outside, but his heart pleased the Lord. Today, we will see how **David served Saul and played music to comfort him.**

Today's Lesson

Saul was upset because an evil spirit bothered him. Saul had disobeyed God, and the Spirit of the Lord was no longer with him. What did Saul ask his servants to do? [Allow responses.] Saul told his servants to find someone who could play music. Saul's servants remembered that David could play the lyre. So, Saul sent for David.

Last week, we learned that God chose David to be the next king over Israel. But **David served Saul and played music to comfort him.** David didn't think he was too important or special to serve Saul. How did Saul feel toward David? [Allow responses.] Saul loved David and made David his armor bearer. Saul appreciated the kindness David showed him. David knew he would be king one day, but he served King Saul faithfully. Even though Jesus is God, He humbled Himself and took the form of a servant. He served His disciples by washing their feet, and He served His people by dying on a cross for their sin and rising again. We can serve others, remembering how much Jesus has served us.

Gospel Discussion | Jesus loved people and put them first. When Jesus died on the cross, He served people by making the way for them to be saved from their sin. Jesus showed us the greatest love by laying down His life for us (John 15:13). Have you trusted in Jesus to take away your sins?

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

1 Samuel 16:14–23

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.