

# DAVID

A man after  
God's Heart



## Lesson 5: Jealous Saul Tries to Kill David

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours prior to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 19:1-10; 20:1-40 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 38-42 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

### TEACHER'S TIP

*Never assume that children understand "church" concepts: remember to break down words so they can understand. Even words such as pray, sin, creator, disciple, repent, and holy need to be explained to children.*

## Story Outline Lesson 5: Jealous Saul Tries to Kill David

1. **Introduction:** Story about Jordan's jealousy problem (or other example).  
**LINK:** What happens if jealousy isn't stopped - if it takes complete control of you? Let's listen to our story and find out.
2. After David's victory over the Philistines, he joined Saul's household.
3. Saul's son Jonathan and David became best friends.
4. King Saul gave David a very high position as a military commander.
5. When Saul and David returned from a battle, Saul heard a group of women celebrating David's victories in song.

**LINK:** Saul began to let his jealous feelings control his thoughts. Do you know what jealousy is?

### GROWTH BOOKMARK #1

6. Saul became angry and jealous of David's fame.
7. Saul attempted to kill David with a spear.
8. Saul sent David away, but God continued to bless David with success.
9. Jonathan pleaded with his father to repent.
10. After a brief time of calm, Saul again tried to kill David with his spear.
11. Jonathan attempted to intercede with King Saul on David's behalf.

**LINK:** His jealousy was so great it caused him to do terrible things - even attempt murder! Jealousy can lead you to do terrible things too.

### GROWTH BOOKMARK #2

12. **CLIMAX:** Refusing to seek God's help, King Saul's jealousy now had complete control of him.
13. Jonathan warned David by a prearranged plan that he must flee from Saul.
14. David and Jonathan tearfully parted.

**LINK:** If only Saul had asked God to help him stop his sin of jealousy! If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior, with God's help you can stop the sin of jealousy.

### GROWTH BOOKMARK #3

### GOSPEL BOOKMARK

### INVITATION BOOKMARK

## GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



### Prov. 14:30

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#### Note to Teachers:

**Remember:** simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must **TEACH** truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and **APPLY** it to their lives, which is the **REASON** you are teaching them a **LESSON**, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points **WITHIN** an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. **DON'T** neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the **MEAT** of your lesson!!

**LINK:** Saul began to let his jealous feelings control his thoughts. Do you know what jealousy is?

1. Jealousy is feeling unhappy - even angry - because you don't have something that others have.
2. How do you react when your friends say good things about your brother or sister but don't notice what you've done? Do you get jealous?
3. Maybe your sister seems to get more clothes or toys from your parents than you do. Or perhaps you have a new baby in your family who gets all the attention.
4. You can't always stop a jealous thought from coming into your mind. But if you allow that jealous thought to grow, it can become a terrible thing.
5. The Bible says (**READ Prov. 14:30**)
6. This means that if you allow it, jealousy can control you so much you can get physically sick.
7. **If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, with God's help you can stop the sin of jealousy. Tell God about your jealous thoughts and confess (agree with Him) that they are sin.
8. Thank God for the way He has made you and for what you have! You are special to Him!

**LINK:** God can help you be happy and content instead of controlled by jealousy. Saul began to let his jealous feelings about David control his thoughts.

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



### Eph. 4:24

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**LINK:** His jealousy was so great it caused him to do terrible things - even attempt murder! Jealousy can lead you to do terrible things too.

1. But **if you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, with God's help you can stop the sin of jealousy.
2. When you realize you are even a little jealous of a friend, family member or someone else, confess it to God.
3. The Bible says you are to "put off" jealousy (Eph. 4:22-23). That means to cast it aside or stop being jealous.
4. **Ask God** to help you stop comparing yourself to others. Stop wanting things that others have. Stop feeling sorry for yourself.
5. Instead, say today's memory verse (**QUOTE Eph. 4:24** with the children)
6. Let your life show that Jesus has changed you on the inside. Be a person after God's heart - a person who refuses to be controlled by jealousy.
7. Instead of being jealous, try:
  1. Pray for the person of whom you are jealous
  2. Look for something good in that person
  3. Tell that person you admire his/her abilities
  4. Thank God for what He is doing in their life
8. God can give you "power" to win over jealousy!

**LINK:** If you don't allow God to help you stop the sin of jealousy, it can lead you to do terrible things. Saul even tried to kill David because his jealousy had grown so great!

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*\*Make a posterboard with each of these points, and have the children read them with you!*

## GOSPEL BOOKMARK



### Col. 1:20

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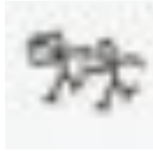
**LINK:** Goliath had been boldly defying God's people and seemed to think that no one could stop him. Even today, God's enemies think they can get away with anything.

1. They think they don't need God. Some may be big and strong and think they can take care of themselves.
2. But the Bible says that **EVERYONE** needs God. As our **creator** (maker), God made us to need a relationship with Him. Our sinful attitude of trying to live without God's help makes us God's enemies!
3. The Bible also says that because God is **holy** (perfect) we can't get away with sin. **Sin** is going your own way and not God's way, like making fun of others, disobeying your teachers, or complaining when things don't go your way.
4. God must always **punish** sin. And because you and I were **born** with the want-to to sin, and because the Bible teaches that **all** have sinned, that means that you and I deserve to be punished: **separated** from God forever.
5. **BUT** even though we are enemies of God, He still **LOVES** you and me! He sent His only, **perfect Son**, Jesus, to **die** on the cross and take the punishment for your sin so you can be friends with God.
6. **READ Col. 1:20.** Jesus died and gave His **blood** on the cross so you can be forgiven. He was **buried**, and **rose** again 3 days later.

**LINK:** Some people refuse to receive Jesus as Savior. They think they don't need God. Goliath was like that: he was boldly defying God's people.

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



### Eph. 4:24

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**LINK:** If only Saul had asked God to help him stop his sin of jealousy! **If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, with God's help you can stop the sin of jealousy.

1. Maybe like Jordan, in the story at the beginning of our lesson, you are jealous of everybody. But you can be different.
2. You can be a person after God's heart - a person who refuses to be controlled by jealousy.
3. What can you do when you are tempted to be jealous? (*allow for answers*)
4. **Remember to "put off" jealousy.** Ask God to help you to stop those jealous thoughts before they turn into terrible actions.
5. Ask Him to help you, like it says in our memory verse (**QUOTE Eph. 4:24 with the children**).
6. This week when you are feeling jealous toward someone, remember our 4 steps:
  1. Pray for the person of whom you are jealous
  2. Look for something good in that person
  3. Tell that person you admire his/her abilities
  4. Thank God for what He is doing in their life
7. Will you ask God to give you the power to stop the sin of jealousy?
8. **CHALLENGE:** Next week, you can share how God helped you stop the sin of jealousy in your life and we can thank Him together.

**LINK:** Did you know jealousy is a sin? Before you can ask God to stop the sin of jealousy in your life, you need to first ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

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## INVITATION BOOKMARK



### Rom. 5:8

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**LINK:** Did you know jealousy is a sin? Before you can ask God to stop the sin of jealousy in your life, you need to first ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

1. **REVIEW:** Perhaps you have realized that you DO sin. Sin is breaking God's rules or laws, like being jealous of someone. But God sent Jesus to die for your sin and take away the punishment.
2. **READ VERSE:** Rom. 5:8
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** Jesus was perfect - without sin - but He gave His blood for your sins and mine when He died on the cross in our place. He was buried and rose again three days later: for you!  
  
God offers you the gift of everlasting life with Him if you confess (tell) your sins to God, believe that Jesus died for your sins and that He is the **ONLY** way to be forgiven, and then call (pray) on Jesus and ask Him to save you from your sin.
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can be God's child, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.