

David the Musician

Bible Verse

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young.
(1 Timothy 4:12)

Bible Story

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Leap of Faith

I can teach others about God.

Before You Begin

King Saul was experiencing the consequences of being disobedient to God. Perhaps his conscience bothered him, or perhaps he was sinking into great depression. Whatever the cause, the king was taking it out on everyone around him. His separation from God tormented him because he knew that he had brought it on himself. How ironic it was that the very harp player whom the servant suggested would ease the king's troubled spirit was the one person God had chosen to succeed Saul on the throne.

What a terrific indicator to us of the power of music and how it affects the human spirit! Scientists in brain research have learned that music is a powerful teaching tool as well. Music can be both a stimulant and a relaxer. Music can act as a vehicle for words, images, and concepts. Music is much more effective than just words and pictures can be. God had indeed given David a powerful gift to use, and he was called to use it to help the one person who would one day stand between David and the throne. We know that David felt honored to use his gift to help "his king," the one whom God had chosen.

Children enjoy being chosen to help. It singles them out and affirms their abilities and their personhood. Give the children in your group a chance to use their gifts in many different ways. They may be young, but they are never too young to serve God.

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Requires preparation.



Grow Together

The following activities may be done in interest centers as the children arrive or may be done with the entire group.

Welcome

Supplies: Attendance Stickers and Chart (Resource Pak—pp. 12 & 13, 23), Bible, offering basket, CD player, CD-ROM

- Greet each parent and child. Play music (CD-ROM).
- Show the children where to place their offerings on the worship table.
- Have the Bible open to 1 Samuel 16:14-23 on the worship table.
- Give each child the Sticker of David's face to put on the attendance chart.

Fun Pak Center

Supplies: Fun Pak—5, crayons or markers, clear tape

- Punch out the viewfinder and the picture strip for the child.
- Help the child assemble the viewfinder.
- Encourage the child to color both pictures. Show the child how to push/pull the pictures through the viewfinder from right to left.

SAY: These two pictures show that when King Saul's head hurt, David played the harp to make him feel better.

Coloring/Activity Page Center

Supplies: Bible Story Pak—5, box lid or shallow box, marbles, fingerpaints, plastic spoons, CD (of your own choosing) or Grow! CD-ROM, CD player, crayons and/or markers, paper towels

- **Activity A:** Place Activity A in a box lid. Put a marble in the fingerpaint container. Take the marble out with a plastic spoon. Let the child put the marble on top of Activity A and move the box lid around. Play music while the child works.

SAY: Make a pretty picture while you listen to music.

- **Activity B:** Let the child trace the letters of the Bible verse. This can either be done during Sunday school before doing the marble painting or be done at home. Remember to send home "Hop on Home."

Baby to Adult Sequence Card Center

Supplies: Baby to Adult Sequence Cards (Resource Pak—p. 5)

- Let the child put the sequence cards in order from birth through adulthood. Help the child as needed.

SAY: It is part of God's plan that we grow from babies to adults. Even when we are little, we can work for God.

David's Harp Center

Supplies: Reproducible 5a, construction paper, glue sticks, crayons or markers, colored string, sharp scissors (for leader), tape

🕒 Before class, photocopy **Reproducible 5a**. Cut four pieces of colored string long enough to fit the harp.

- Give the child a copy of **Reproducible 5a**, and let him or her color it with crayons or markers. Encourage the child to glue David's harp and the banner to a piece of construction paper.
- Help the child tape the colored strings onto the harp. Invite the child to gently pluck the strings of the harp.

SAY: In our Bible story today, David played the harp to make King Saul feel better. Do you feel better when you play your harp?

Mission Moment

Supplies: purse, Grow! CD-ROM, CD player, (Optional: items for the purse)

- Play the CD-ROM, and call the children to the Bible Story Circle. Once the children arrive, invite them to sing along and dance to "You Can Shine."

ASK: You are young, but can you talk?

You are young, but can you walk?

You are young, but can you help people?

SAY: You may think that you are too young, and people may tell you that you are too young to help others, but God knows you can do many things.

Our mission project this month is about a young girl named Hannah Bryant who knew she was not too young to help others. One year at Christmas, Hannah cleaned out her closet and found purses that she had hardly used. She filled the purses with things like clothing, toothbrushes, and even a small Bible. (*Pretend to fill the purse with these items or actually fill a purse with these items.*) Hannah gave her purses to girls who would not get anything for Christmas. Hannah knew she was not too young to share God's love and hope with other girls.

This month, we are asking you to bring an offering to send to Hannah's Purse Drive. That money will help buy items to put inside the purses. You may bring your money next week and for the next few Sundays. Let's pray:

PRAY: Dear God, help us remember that we are never too young to help others and to share your love. Amen.

Send
donations
to:

Hannah's
Purse Drive



Hannah Bryant
Hannah's Purse Drive
920 Bedford Place
Columbia, TN 38401

Or give online at:
hannahpursedrive.com

Proclaim the Word

Visit Leaper's Pointe

Supplies: DVD player, Grow! DVD (Ages 3-6)

- Play the theme song “Talkin’ ‘bout Faith” on the DVD, and encourage the children to do the motions.
- Show the children the “GROW, Proclaim, Serve” video for today’s session.

SAY: Mondo is a little moody. Gabby tries to lift his mood by getting Harley to play his drum and Furleen to play her accordion, but the loud music just makes his head hurt. Finally, Gabby invites a young harp player, Gabriella, to play calming music, just like David played for King Saul.

- Encourage the children to lie down and close their eyes. Tell them to relax. Encourage the children to listen to the beautiful music that our young friend Gabriella is playing on the harp.

Learn the Bible Verse

Supplies: Bible Verse Poster (Resource Pak—p. 4), tape, (Optional: Grow! DVD, Ages 3–6), crepe paper streamers, sharp scissors (for leader)

🕒 Before class, cut crepe paper into streamers.

- Point to the Bible Verse Poster (Resource Pak—p. 4), and **SAY** the Bible verse two or three times with the children: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young” (1 Timothy 4:12).
- Give each child a paper streamer, and help the children learn the Bible verse by saying part of it: “*Don’t let anyone look down on you.*” Invite the children to wave their streamers. Then say the rest of the Bible verse with the children: “*because you are young*” (1 Timothy 4:12). Encourage the children to wave their streamers again.
- Play the Bible verse section of the DVD.

Hear the Bible Story

Supplies: Bible Story Pak—5

- Pass out Bible Story Pak—5 to each child. Invite the children to answer the following questions:
- After reading page 1, **ASK:** Who was not feeling well? (*King Saul*)
- After reading page 2, **ASK:** Did one of the king’s servants know of someone who could play music for the king to make him feel better? (*Yes*)
- After reading page 3, **ASK:** Where did David go? (*to play music for the king*)
- After reading page 4, **ASK:** When King Saul’s head hurt, what did David do? (*David played music for King Saul.*)



For the words for “Talkin’ ‘bout Faith,” see this Leader’s Guide—p. 127.



When teaching the Bible verse to the children, it is easier for them to learn if you break the verse into short sections.



Make sure the Bible Stories are sent home with the children so their parents or guardians can read them to the children during the week.

Experience the Bible Story

Supplies: Bible Story Pak—5

- Ask the children if anyone would like to tell the Bible story in his own words.

SAY: Let's pretend we are David and King Saul. (*Let the children pretend to play air guitars or harps.*)

- Appoint half of the children to be David and half of the children to be King Saul. Let the "Davids" play for the "King Sauls," and then reverse the roles.
- Remind the children that at first King Saul was sad, but after David played for him, he became happy.

ASK: How can you help someone feel better like David helped King Saul?

SAY: This week I want each of you to sing a song, draw a picture, give a hug, or do something for someone to help them feel better. Let's pray:

PRAY: Dear God, show me how to make someone feel better this week. Amen.

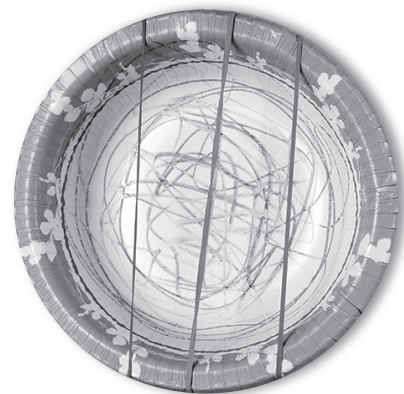
Serve With Love

Make a Harp

Supplies: small paper bowls (10 ounces), rubber bands of varying thicknesses and lengths to fit across the bowls, crayons, CD player, CD-ROM

- Give the child a bowl, and let the child decorate the bowl anyway he or she desires using crayons. Help the child put three or four rubber bands across the bowl as shown. Use different lengths and thicknesses of the rubber bands to make different sound pitches.
- Let the child play his or her harp along with the CD-ROM.

SAY: In our Bible story today, David played the harp to make King Saul feel better. Do you feel better when you play your make-believe harp?



Noisy Snacks

Supplies: small paper cups; crunchy snack items such as crackers, pretzels, and such; large bowl; mixing spoon; resealable sandwich bags; napkins

- Have each child wash and dry his or her hands. Let one child pass out napkins.
- Place cups of a variety of crunchy snack items on the table. Let the children pour the snacks into a large bowl and take turns mixing the snacks together.
- Give each child two resealable sandwich bags (one for keeping and one for sharing). Show the children how to scoop the mix with a cup and put it into the bags. Seal the bags.

SAY: One bag is for you to eat, and the other bag is for you to give to someone to make them feel better. Just showing someone that you are thinking about him or her will help that person feel better. (*Pray before enjoying the snack.*)

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for this special treat. Thank you for all the food we have to eat.

May we be of help to everyone, and let us share your constant love. Amen.

Worship

Grassy Meadow Mural

Supplies: Grassy Meadow Mural (Resource Pak—pp. 8, 9 & 16, 17), loop of tape

- ⌚ Gather around the Grassy Meadow Mural posted on the wall or bulletin board.

SAY: Each week we add a sheep to our Grassy Meadow Mural to remind us of that week's Bible story. The mural and sheep remind us that God loves us and takes care of us just as if we were God's own little sheep. Did you know that David was a shepherd and took care of his family's sheep? This week we add the sheep with David's face on it.

Sing and Pray

Supplies: CD-ROM and CD player, or Grow! DVD (Ages 3-6) and DVD player

- Play “You Can Shine” on the CD-ROM or DVD. Let the children dance to the music and sing along.
- Gather the children into a prayer circle. Pray for each child by name.

PRAY: Dear God, be with (*child's name*) this week. Help him (or her) to help other people, just like David helped King Saul. Amen.



For the words of the song “You Can Shine” see Leader's Guide—p. 125.

Plan for Next Week

- ⌚ Photocopy: Reproducibles 6a and 6b for each child. Locate the “I Can Help” Sticker (for Bible Story Pak 6—Activity A) and the “Get Well” Sticker (for Reproducible 6a).

- **Dipping Center:** Bring two dishpans, liquid dish soap, new sponges, dish towels or paper towels, and if possible, plastic toys from the nursery to wash.
- **Mission Moment:** Fill a plastic glove with baby powder. Each child will place one hand inside the glove to discover what the man's skin in next week's Bible story may have looked like.
- **Doctor's Kits Center:** Bring several children's toy doctor kits.