

# David and Saul: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** I will choose love over revenge.

**SuperVerse:** *Stop being angry and don't try to take revenge. I am the LORD, and I command you to love others as much as you love yourself.* Leviticus 19:18 (CEV)

**Bible Story:** 1 Samuel 15–16, 18–19, 21, 23–24, 2 Samuel 5:1–5

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today, we will learn about how David chose love over revenge. We will also learn how Jesus always chose to love others, even when they falsely accused Him and crucified Him on the cross.

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet David, the young warrior who leads Israel's army to victory. Although King Saul tries to kill him out of jealousy, David chooses not to take revenge. The children learn that anger and vengeance do not accomplish God's purposes.
- In our Signposts Video, we will see how David was a champion in battle and chose God's way over his own way. We'll also learn how Jesus fights for us. He is our champion defender at the throne of God!

### Game Materials Needed:

- Four Signs
- Painters tape or masking tape

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

### Game: Flee Saul (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Play a game to flee from Saul as David did.*

- David had to flee for his life because of Saul's jealousy and uncontrolled anger. David hid in caves, villages, and in the wilderness.

### Game Instructions:

- This game is similar to a game called Four Corners. The goal is not to be caught by Saul! Saul will close his eyes and slowly count aloud to 10. As he counts, you will quietly move to the sign of your choice. Everyone caught by Saul must sit down in the middle of the room near him.

### Teaching: Champion and Defender (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *David points to Jesus.*

- Jesus was a direct descendant of David. A genealogy, or family tree, of Jesus is contained in the Gospel of Matthew. It traces His family from Abraham to David, then all the way to Joseph and Mary, Jesus' parents.

### Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Let's all continue with the Lesson 3 challenge. Discuss 1 Peter 3:9 with your family, then ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His love and look for opportunities to bless others rather than returning evil for evil.

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards Pattern
- Three sheets of cardstock
- Optional: tape
- David's Kinnor Pattern and materials for any children who missed previous lessons
- David's Kinnor Instructions for any children who missed previous lessons
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- SuperVerse Cards
- Eight sheets of cardstock or paper
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- When God's love is in our hearts, we'll reach out with forgiveness and mercy, not revenge.
- Eight children will stand side by side facing the class. Scramble the SuperVerse cards and give one to each child. Have the rest of the class tell you which reader should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the nine children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a "wave" with their papers. Do this over again until the children are in the proper order.

### Prayer: Loving Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- How can we choose to show love for someone we are angry with; especially someone who has hurt or offended us? We find God's love inside us that is produced by the Holy Spirit.
- Let's take a few moments to bow our heads and thank God silently for the help that He gives us to love others as ourselves through the Holy Spirit. Ask God for the strength to always choose love over anger and revenge.

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Bowling Game:** Play a game to conquer evil with good. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

**Drawing Game:** Draw pictures associated with the Bible Lesson. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Page:** Color and discuss a scene about David showing mercy. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Discuss Bible verses about love and revenge. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min