



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

June 29, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **“David Showed Mercy”** (1 Samuel 24).

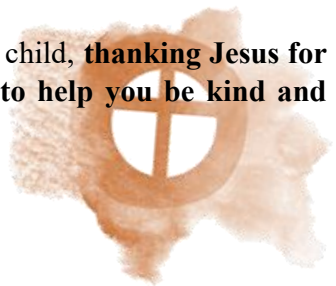
While King Saul was hunting David to kill him, God gave David a chance to strike back. Saul entered a cave to rest—unaware that David and his men were hiding there. David crept up and quietly cut off a corner of Saul’s robe, but he chose not to harm him. David showed mercy because Saul was the Lord’s anointed king. David trusted God to bring justice and rescue him. This story reminds us of Jesus, who showed great mercy by forgiving sinners, even while He was being harmed.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- ☐ **Mercy Over Revenge:** David didn’t hurt Saul even when he had the chance. How can we show mercy to others, even when we’re hurt?
- ☐ **Trusting God for Justice:** David trusted God to decide what was right. How can we trust God when things feel unfair?
- ☐ **Jesus Shows Us Perfect Mercy:** David showed Saul mercy, and Jesus shows mercy to us. How can we thank Jesus for His forgiveness?

You might consider praying with your child, **thanking Jesus for showing us mercy and asking Him to help you be kind and forgiving like Him.**

Grace and blessings in Christ.





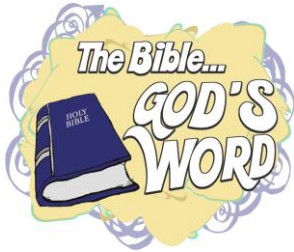
David Showed Mercy

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 24

KEY PASSAGE: Jeremiah 10:6-7a

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Is anything or anyone greater than God?*

No, God is greater than everything and everyone.



David became a great military leader for the Israelites and was more successful in battle than all of Saul's army. Saul was very jealous of David. Saul was hunting down David to kill him, because he did not want David to become king instead of him.

While Saul and his army chased after David to kill him, Saul went into a cave to go to the bathroom. It just so happened that he went into the very cave where David and his men were hiding. Saul did not see David and the men in the cave.

The men whispered to David: "Look, the Lord has handed Saul over to you, just as He said He would." David snuck up behind Saul while he was going to the bathroom and cut off a corner of his robe.



Afterward, David felt terrible for cutting off a corner of Saul's robe. David said to his men: "I should have never done such a thing to a man anointed by the Lord!" The men wanted to go fight Saul, but David did not let them.

Then Saul left the cave and went on his way. David followed him out of the cave and called to him, saying, "My lord the king!"



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When Saul turned around, David knelt low before him and said, “Why do you listen to the people who say I want to hurt you? I could have killed you in the cave, but I showed mercy because you are the Lord’s anointed. See, I have the corner of your robe in my hand! I cut it off, but I didn’t kill you. I haven’t sinned against you even though you are hunting me down to take my life.”

David told Saul that God is their judge. Only God could decide what is right and rescue David from Saul. Then David said he would never harm Saul.

Saul wept and said to David, “You are more righteous than I am. You have done good to me even though I have done evil to you. May the Lord repay you with good for what you’ve done for me today. Now I know for certain you will be king over the kingdom of Israel.”

Saul was trying to kill David, but David chose to show Saul mercy. When the people were killing Jesus, He showed them mercy and said, “Father, forgive them.” We all sin, but God shows us mercy through Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.

Key Passage

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There is none like you, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your due.

« Jeremiah 10:6-7a »



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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Solomon Became King" (1 Kings 2-3)



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