

# DAVID WAITS FOR THE KINGDOM

**Scripture:**

I Samuel 18:1-16, 19:1-10, 24:1-22

**Materials Needed:**

Pictures of story from Abeka series  
Young David (Life of David series 1) and  
David in Hiding (Life of David series 2)

**Memory Verse:**

*Romans 12:19a Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God.*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although Saul was jealous of David’s fame and tried to kill David 2x with his spear, when David had the opportunity to kill Saul in the cave and later in Saul’s own camp, he did not let his men kill Saul, but instead trusted God’s timing to give him the kingdom.

To Realize—When one is being unfairly treated because of doing right, they should not get back at the person, but let God take care of it in His own way and time.

To Respond by—not taking revenge on those who hurt us.

**Setting up the Story:**

Write the letters “NTYOR” on the board. Tell students that this is the whole lesson today, and by the end of class, they will figure it out! (The first phrase of the MV: “Never take your own revenge. If students guess one of the words while teaching, fill it in the blank. They might get it before the lesson is done!)

Scripture

**Telling the story:**

**As you tell the story:**

- I. Saul is jealous of David’s fame
  - A. After killing Goliath
  - B. Jonathan gives armor
  - C. David pleases the people
  - D. David is in the women’s songs
  - E. Saul tries to pin him to the wall while he plays music for him
  
- II. David Lets Saul go: in the Cave
  - A. David and 600 men are hiding at En gedi
  - B. Saul comes out with 3000 men

- Show picture from last week: DC 2.7 of David killing Goliath. Show pictures as you tell the story: DC 3.1 and 3.2
  
- DC 3.3.
  
- DD 1.2, 1.3
  
- Show picture of caves and waterfall at En-gedi

C. Goes into cave to relieve himself	David would NOT take his own revenge! He would WAIT for when God GAVE him the kingdom.
D. David's men tell him to kill Saul: God's opportunity!	DD 1.7
E. David cuts off corner of robe and then regrets it!	DD 1.8
F. David calls out to Saul	
G. Saul says he is wrong	
III. David Lets Saul go: in the Camp	
A. Ziphites tell Saul where David and his men are	DD 1.3
B. Saul comes after him with 3,000 men	
C. Spies tell David	
D. David goes into Saul's camp	DD 2.5
1. Abishai goes with him	DD 2.6
2. Saul is sleeping in the middle	Read I Sam. 26:10
3. Spear and water jug are by his head	What 3 WAYS did David say might be the way Saul would die one day? BUT what would David not do? David would NOT take his own revenge! He would WAIT for when God gave him the kingdom!
4. Abishai wants to kill him	
5. David won't let him	
6. Takes spear and water jug	
E. Calls to Abner	DD 2.7
F. Saul calls to David	

### Concluding the Story:

See if your students can guess the phrase: NTYOR!

Write the memory verse on the board. Erase different words until they know the whole verse. Explain what "the wrath of God" means. Have your students share examples when they want to get back at someone who has done them wrong. What does the verse say?