

**Preschool**  
**David showed Mercy**  
*Activity Ideas*

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 1 Samuel 24

**STORY POINT:** David showed mercy even though Saul hated him.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 145:13

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

*Find David*

- Select a people figure or small doll.
- Show children the doll and tell them to pretend the doll is David.
- Direct preschoolers to close their eyes.
- Hide the figure somewhere in the room; then invite children to work together to find
- You may give hints if preschoolers have trouble finding the figure.
- When David is found, hide the figure again and continue to play.

SAY • You all are great finders! In our Bible story today, King Saul was looking for David. God had chosen David to be the next king. Saul did not want David to be king. He wanted to keep being king. What do you think Saul did when he found David? Let's find out in our Bible story!

*Sing a song about trust*

Guide preschoolers to sing the following verses to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down."

"David trusted in God's plan, in God's plan, in God's plan!

David trusted in God's plan;

He showed Saul mercy.

Jesus trusted God's plan too, God's plan too, God's plan too!

Jesus trusted God's plan too,

Jesus died for us."

SAY • David showed mercy to Saul because David believed God had better plan for how David would become king of Israel. Jesus trusted God's plan too. He died on the cross for us so that we could be forgiven of our sin.

*Sneak up on your leader*

- Select an adult leader to sit cross-legged with his hands covering his eyes.
- Place a small piece of fabric or paper in front of the leader.
- Direct all the children to sit in a line in front of the leader.
- Allow children to take turns trying to take the piece of fabric without making any noise.
- Then sit back down
- Allow the leader to open his eyes and guess who took the fabric.
- Continue play until all children have had a turn.

SAY • You all reminded me of David from our Bible story today! David snuck up on Saul. He could have done anything he wanted, but David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing to forgive someone even though the other person does not deserve forgiveness. God shows mercy to us. Even though we are sinners and deserve death, Jesus died for us. That is God's mercy!

### *Craft paper plate crowns*

Supplies:

- paper plates
- scissors
- markers
- glue
- jewels or stickers

Instructions:

- Help a preschooler bend a paper plate in half and cut up the center to about two inches from the edge of the plate.
- Unbend the plate. Help her make more cuts from the center of the plate to two inches from the edge, creating eight triangles.
- Bend the triangles up to form points on the crown.
- Invite preschoolers to color their crowns with markers and glue sequins and rhinestones to them.

SAY • Your crowns look amazing! Who wears a crown? That's right! A king! Saul was not a perfect king. David was not a perfect king either. Jesus is the perfect King. How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.