

Sleeping Saul Skit

(Based on 1 Samuel 26)

Parts: David, Abishai, Saul, Abner, Saul's men (2 or more)

Props: pitcher/cup, broom handle or long stick for Saul's spear, optional: pillow, crown for Saul, costumes

Scene: Saul, Abner, and Saul's men start on the floor sleeping, with Saul in the center. Place the pitcher of water and spear next to Saul's head. David and Abishai should start across the room from Saul's camp so they can sneak in.

As you narrate, have an assistant guide the students as they repeat their lines and act out their roles.

Saul, Abner, and Saul's men: *Pretend to fall into a deep sleep.*

Narrator: Saul and his men camped close to the place where David and his men were hiding. One night, David decided to go into Saul's camp.

David: Who will go down into King Saul's camp with me?

Narrator: David's nephew volunteered to go with David.

Abishai: I'll go with you.

David and Abishai: *Sneak across the room and into Saul's camp.*

Narrator: God caused all of Saul's men to fall into a deep sleep.

Abishai: *(Whispering)* They're all sound asleep!

Narrator: When they sneaked all the way to Saul's tent, Abishai noticed Saul's spear was right beside Saul. He told David that God had done that on purpose so they could kill Saul now.

Abishai: *(Whispering)* Please let me use his spear. *(Points to the spear by Saul's head.)*

David: *(Shakes head, "No.")* No. God made him king, and I will not kill him.

Narrator: David would not allow Abishai to kill Saul. He knew that God was in control, and he would not sin by taking the king's life. He would wait to become the king when God said it was time. Instead he took the spear and the jar of water that lay by Saul and left the camp.

David and Abishai: *Collect Saul's spear and pitcher/cup and return to the other side of the room.*

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Narrator: After they left the camp, David called out to Abner, Saul's army commander.

David: *(Cup hand to mouth)* Abner! Abner!

Narrator: Saul and all his men woke up and heard David calling.

Saul, Abner, and Saul's men: *Wake up and stretch. Get up.*

Abner: Who's calling?

Narrator: David scolded Abner for sleeping instead of watching over the king. He told Abner that they had sneaked into the camp and could have killed Saul while everyone was asleep. To prove he had been there, but chose not to kill the king, David told Abner what he had taken.

David: Where is the king's spear and the jar of water that was beside him?

Abner: *(Look around for the spear and jar)* They're gone!

Narrator: Then Saul called out to David.

Saul: Is that your voice, David?

Narrator: David answered King Saul and asked him a question.

David: Yes, O king, it's me, David. But why are you chasing me?

Narrator: David reminded Saul that he had not done anything wrong, but that it was wrong for Saul to keep trying to kill him.

Saul: I have sinned. I will not hurt you because you did not hurt me when you could have killed me.

Narrator: David showed Saul the spear and jar he had taken. Saul understood that David was close enough to kill him while he slept but didn't do it.

David: Here is your spear, O king!

Narrator: Saul sent his men to get the spear and jar, then they gathered their things and went home.

Saul: Thank you, David. *(Send one of your men to David to collect the spear and jar. Once he returns with them, they all pack up and leave.)*