Sneak into Camp

Materials

One ruler or cup
Blindfold (scarf, necktie, etc.)
Optional: paper or toy crown for King Saul

Instructions

Have the students sit in a U-shape with one chair at the open side of the U. Place the ruler or cup under the chair to represent the spear or jar. Choose one student to be King Saul and sit in the chair. Place a blindfold over King Saul's eyes. Silently choose a student to sneak up and take the object from under the chair. He will return to his place and hide the object behind him.

Tell King Saul to open his eyes. Give him three chances to pick the culprit. If the culprit is caught, have him place the object back under the chair and keep his seat. Allow the king to stay in the chair for another round. If the king does not guess correctly after three chances, have the culprit take his place. Play until everyone has had a turn being either the king or the culprit or as time allows.

Suggested Discussion

We enjoy playing hiding games, but David was not playing a game when he was running and hiding from Saul. It was a matter of life and death for David and his men. Saul had grown so jealous of David that he wasn't thinking clearly. Even though he promised David he would not chase him anymore, he still did anyway.

But David would not try to fix the problem himself by getting revenge and taking Saul's life. He wanted his heart to be right before the Lord. That was much more important to David than getting back at Saul.