

Sleeping Saul Skit

Based on 1 Samuel 26

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

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

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

David: Saul and his men are camped nearby. Who will go down with me into his camp?

Abishai: I will go with you.

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

Abishai: *(Whispering)* They're all sound asleep! God has given your enemy into your hand. Let me pin Saul to the earth with one stroke of the spear. *(Points to the spear by Saul's head.)*

David: No, the Lord will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. But I will not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. But take the spear at his head and the jar of water, and let's go.

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

Abishai: I can't believe none of Saul's men woke up!

David: The Lord was with us. Come, let's call to them. *(Cup hand to mouth)* Abner! Will you not answer, Abner?

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

Abner: Who are you who calls to the king?

David: Abner, why have you not kept watch over the king? For one of the people came in to destroy him. What you have done is not good because you have not kept watch over the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was at his head.

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

Saul: Is that your voice, my son David?

David: It is my voice, my lord, O king. But why have you pursued me? What evil have I done? If the Lord has stirred you up against me, may he accept an offering, but if it is men, may they be cursed before the Lord, for they have driven me away that I should not share in the heritage of the Lord. God will see if I am killed, for you have come to seek a single flea like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains.

Saul: I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you because my life was precious in your eyes this day. I have acted foolishly and made a great mistake.

David: Here is your spear, O king! Let one of your men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. As your life was precious in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord.

Saul: Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them.
(Send one of your men to David to collect the spear. Once he returns with it, leave with your men.)