

Sneak into Camp

Materials

- ☐ One ruler or cup
- ☐ Blindfold (scarf, necktie, etc.)
- ☐ Optional: paper 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 Saul's eyes. Silently choose a student to quietly sneak up and take the object from under the chair. He will return to his place, hiding the object behind him.

Tell Saul to remove the blindfold. Give him three chances to pick the culprit. When Saul calls on someone who is not guilty of taking the object, that student may give a clue, "It wasn't me, but he is on my right/left; she has brown eyes; he has blond hair; etc."

If the culprit is caught, have him place the object back under the chair and keep his seat. Allow King Saul to remain in the chair until he does not guess correctly after three guesses, then have the culprit take his place.

Suggested Discussion

We enjoy playing hide and seek 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 take care of the problem himself by seeking revenge and taking Saul's life. He wanted his heart to remain right before the Lord. That was much more important to David than getting back at Saul.