

City LG—January 16th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Bad Blood (David Spares Saul's Life) • 1 Samuel 24

Today's Bottom Line: Don't be controlled by your anger.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.* 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

ICE-BREAKER ACTIVITY: Space Racers On-Screen Racing Video

CG: Space Racers Version 2 Video (Runtime 2:30)

NOTE: Play the Video and encourage Kids to cheer on which video character they think will win the Space Race. Keep the energy high, cheer at the end, thank everyone for playing, and invite the Kids to stand for Worship.

WORSHIP: Something Good and Believe It

"Hello, friends! Today's story is an AMAZING example of self-control in action. Before we get into our video today, I have a question for you to discuss as a Small Group. What makes you angry? Take 3 minutes to talk about that right now..."

CG: Conversations Starting Question Video ("What makes you angry?") (Runtime: 3:00)

"I heard some pretty interesting answers. It's ok to be angry about the right things, but we shouldn't let our anger control us or allow us to hurt someone else. That's what this week's Bible Story Video is all about. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)

"That was a pretty amazing story, don't you think? I mean, David had every reason to be angry at Saul. Saul was chasing him and making him live on the run! But when David had the chance to get back at Saul . . . he didn't. He chose to stay in control. He didn't let his anger control his actions.

"That's what we need to remember today. Let's learn our Bottom Line!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:30)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Don't be controlled by your anger."

"All of us feel angry from time to time. But we don't have to ACT on that anger. We can choose to have self-control instead. We can find a way to solve the problem without letting our anger control us.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us with that."

PRAY: “God, thank You for this great example of self-control that we can see in the way David treated Saul. David must have been so angry at Saul for always trying to get him! But he found a way to stay in control instead of letting his anger take over. Please show us how we can control our anger, too. Give us wisdom to ask for help when we feel angry and we’re not sure what to do. Thank You for always being with us and helping us choose self-control. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“What a story! Imagine what that moment must have been like for David when he had the chance to get back at King Saul—the one who had chased him and made him run for his life! Even David’s men told him that he should take the chance to attack.

“But even though David was angry at King Saul, he didn’t let his anger take over. He made a choice that WE can make, too. He stayed in control, so that no one would get hurt.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Don’t be controlled by your anger.

“The truth is, there WILL be times that you and I feel angry. And anger isn’t necessarily a bad thing. I mean, Jesus Himself got angry from time to time. But Jesus had good reasons to get angry. And so do we, sometimes—like when you or someone you know is treated unfairly.

“The important thing is knowing what to DO when you feel angry. You can learn how to calm down so that you don’t say or do something that makes the problem worse. So the next time you start to get mad, hit PAUSE! Think for a second and ask yourself, ‘What’s the WISE way to respond? If I want to **make the wise choice**, what should I do next?’

“Remember, you can’t rewind the things you’ve done or said. You can’t take them back. So let’s keep control of our anger instead of letting it control us. God will ALWAYS be there to help us.

“Let’s start Small Group now and talk about how we can stay in control—in any situation!”

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri
New Lenox: Daniel
Homer Glen: Victor