



David Doesn't Hurt Saul

1 Samuel 24

(Point to Saul)
This is King Saul.

He was very mad because he did not want David to be king. In fact, Saul was so mad that he wanted to hurt David. So David and his friends ran far away to hide from King Saul.

Let me see you move your arms really fast, as if you're running. (Everyone will pretend to run)

That's it! King Saul's army looked everywhere for David and his friends, but they couldn't find them.



Let me see all of you bend down low to the ground, as if you are hiding.
(Everyone will bend down low to the ground)

Good job! You look like you're hiding, just like David and his friends. They were hiding from Saul in the back of a cave.

While Saul and his men were searching for David, they needed to stop and rest.

Saul went into a cave to rest, and it was the same cave where David was hiding!

What do you think David did? (Allow responses)



David's friends wanted to hurt King Saul because he had been so mean to them. But David chose to have self-control.

Instead of hurting the king like his friends wanted him to do, David cut off a tiny part of Saul's robe.

Later, Saul left the cave and went on his way.

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Then David came out of the cave and shouted, “King Saul!”

***On the count of three, let’s all shout, “King Saul!” One, two, three!
(Everyone will shout, “King Saul!”)***

King Saul turned and saw David holding a piece of his robe. He knew that David had been very close to him and had chosen not to hurt him. Because David used self-control and was kind, King Saul stopped trying to hurt him.

When we feel out of control, we can stop, think about what God would want us to do, and then have self-control.

Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

I Can Have (thumbs to chest)

Self-Control (hold both hands up in “stop” motion)