

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: God helps us persevere in doing the right thing.

God Story: David & Saul Part II | 1 Samuel 25-31

Supplies needed: Bible, Footprint activity page, markers, stickers, scissors

Conversation Starters: Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea. Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

- What does the word "perseverance" mean? What's a similar word?
- Have you ever had to persevere in doing the right thing through something difficult? What happened?

Video: watch this week's video at www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax

Pray & Discuss: After the video take time to talk about it together.

- What happened in the God Story? What was the life story about?
- How do you think these two stories connect to our Big Idea (**God helps us persevere in doing the right thing**)?
- **Pray:** God is a part of the conversation with us! You can model for your kids that they can pray to God anytime. You don't need specific words or length but it's great to tell God what you're thinking and ask for him to speak to you and remind you he is near.

Craft: Footprint

Supplies: Footprint activity page (1 per person), markers, stickers, Bible, scissors

- Give everyone an activity page. Explain that runners need to persevere in long-distance races. They tell themselves to take just one more step, then another, then another. It can work for us, too! When doing the right thing for Jesus gets hard, we just need to take one more step, then another, then another.
- Complete your activity page. If you don't feel like drawing, you can write an answer, or look up some Bible verses to write in (try Romans 5:4-5 or Hebrews 10:23-34)
- Once you're done drawing and decorating, you can cut out the footprint if you wish. Place your footprints somewhere you'll see it during the week as a reminder.

Additional Activities

Perseverance Challenge

Supplies: Bibles (1 per person), or create an endurance challenge however you wish (jumping jacks, planks, etc.), some sort of award if desired

- Explain that we're going to try and persevere in a physical challenge.
- Invite everyone to hold their Bible straight up in the air above their heads. They can only use one hand during the challenge.
- Try to help pass the time by singing a song or reciting the key verse.
- Optional: give an award to whoever lasted the longest
- Share that in this week's story, David perseveres in doing the right thing even when it's very difficult for him. His perseverance made David a really good choice to be king!

Small Group

Supplies: Big Idea activity page (1 per person), markers, pens

- **Discuss:** how did David persevere in doing the right thing? (He didn't hurt King Saul even though he had the opportunity, because David knew that it was the right thing to do.)
- Give everyone an activity page to complete: fill in the blank at the top and draw a picture of that situation in the box.
- When everyone is done, you can invite people to share their work with the rest of the group.

Reflection Time

- Guide everyone to spread out and get comfortable, close their eyes if desired and be quiet.
- Ask everyone to listen as you read the following:

We talked a lot about David this month. He was a shepherd, a musician, and a king. The Bible tells us that he was a man after God's own heart. And David was the great-great...plus a lot more greats...great-grandfather of Jesus! Can you picture David?

Now, picture Jesus. He persevered when things got tough. Remember his friends, the disciples? Imagine them all learning from Jesus as they sit around a dinner table with him.

The night that Jesus was going to be arrested and killed on the cross, he took his disciples to a garden to pray together. Imagine them praying in a garden. The disciples were very tired. They fell asleep! But Jesus didn't. He persevered. He was tired but he kept on praying.

Jesus knew he was going to be killed on the cross. He didn't have to allow it to happen, but he did because he loves us so much.

Jesus persevered and did the best thing for us!

Now, is there a situation that's tough for you? Imagine it. [Pause for a couple of seconds.] Ask God to help you persevere through it. [Pause to allow everyone to pray silently.]
- Pray: Dear God, help us all to persevere when things are difficult. Help us to remember the way that David persevered, and especially the way that Jesus did. In his name we pray, amen!
- Invite people to share the situation they thought of and discuss how they can persevere in doing the right thing.