



DAVID PLAYS FOR SAUL

**BABY/ TODDLER LESSON
1 SAMUEL 16**

BIBLE POINT:

**I can teach others
about God.**

BIBLE VERSE:

**"Don't let anyone look
down on you because
you are young." 1
Timothy 4:12**



SCHEDULE

Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft

ACTIVITY:

Turn on a lullaby or some other calming music. Encourage your child to lie down and close their eyes. Encourage your child to listen to the beautiful music and relax. Say, "Music can help us feel better when we are sad. We can make others feel better by playing music, singing, or giving them a hug. God wants us to help others."

You can also find other ways to talk to or show your child what serving looks like. Example: During snack time, have your child make a snack for you or their sibling. Show encouragement and enthusiasm as they make a snack and serve others.

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to remember we are never too young to help others and share your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."



WORSHIP:

Sing "Jesus Loves Me".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/yiWYtwFt9Jc> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them.

Let them learn that singing songs about the

Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

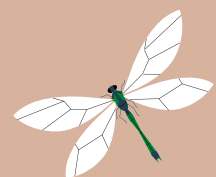
Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest.

"Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from 1 Samuel 16:14-23.

"King Saul didn't want to talk to anyone. He didn't want to do anything. King Saul felt sad. The king's servants were worried. They wanted to make the king feel better. What could the servants do? What might make the king feel better? 'Maybe some music would help,' one of the servants said. Another servant said, 'There is a shepherd boy named David who is a good musician. He is a brave and handsome young man. He loves God. David could play his harp for the king.'



BIBLE STORY CONTINUED:

King Saul sent a messenger to David's father. 'Send David here so he can work for me.' David's father sent David to King Saul.

Whenever King Saul felt sad, David played the harp for him. Then King Saul would feel better. David loved using the gift God gave him to help King Saul. God has made each one of us special and unique. God wants us to serve others with the special gifts He gave us." Talk again with your child about ways they can serve. (ex. make/decorate a card for sibling or friend, hug a friend who is hurting, help make a meal or snack for someone or family.)

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

God Loves You So Much!

God gave you a special gift!

God wants us to love and care for others.



TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Make a Harp. Get a small paper bowl (paper plate can work too), 3-4 rubber bands, and crayons. Give your child the bowl with rubber bands already placed on like strings, and let your child decorate.

Say to your child, "David played the harp to make King Saul feel better." Talk to your child about the lesson and serving others. Encourage your child to serve others by playing some music for you or someone else.

Additional craft: Print out coloring sheet "David Plays for Saul". Have your child color and decorate as they desire.

