

LESSON 3

SAUL IS JEALOUS OF DAVID

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SAUL'S JOURNAL ENTRY

Journal A

Today, David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine. Originally, I was really, really happy knowing that we no longer have to worry about the words from Goliath... But here comes another threat! The women say, "Saul has killed _____, and David _____." I am so _____.

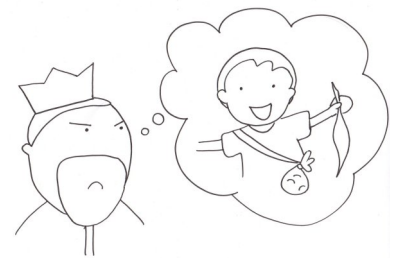
David killed a giant, but what about all the Philistines I've killed before? How come David deserves more praise than I do? I _____ David. I am so worried... One day he is going to _____ my _____!

From now on, I really need to keep an eye on him.



Journal B

The _____ is with David! There was no way David could have escaped from my presence if God wasn't there to protect him. What do I do now? Not only is God with David, but He has also left me... I used to feel God's spirit with me; He gave me wisdom and knowledge to sustain the kingdom of Israel. Now David has God on his side... I must do something to prevent him from taking over my kingdom. I should _____ David.



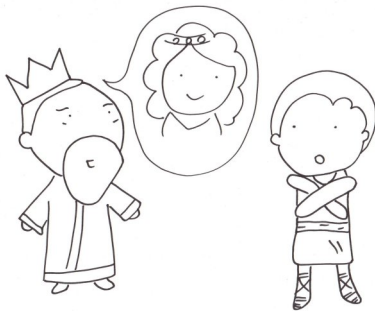
Journal D

Hahahahaha! My daughter loves David. I can easily use her to kill David without using my own hands! I will give _____ to David so that she may be a _____ to him, and that the hand of the _____ will be against him. If David still doesn't want to marry my daughter, I will say to him, "The king does not desire any _____ but one hundred _____ of the _____, to take _____ on the king's enemies." David will surely fall into my trap and soon be killed by the Philistines! I cannot wait!



DAVID'S JOURNAL ENTRY

Journal C



Today, the king offered _____, his daughter, to me as a wife. As much as I felt honored, I rejected his offer because I didn't feel worthy. I said to the king, " _____ _____ _____, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be _____ - _____ - _____ to the king?" Indeed, I didn't come from a royal family and I don't have the privilege to marry the king's daughter. The king has given his daughter to _____ the Meholathite instead. The _____ is with me, and He will give me a wife according to His will and His time.

Journal E

Saul wants to _____ me. O Lord, _____ me from my enemies and defend me from those who rise up against me! I will wait for You for You are my _____ and _____. I am not afraid, O Lord. But I will sing of Your _____ and of Your _____ in the morning. You have been my defense and _____ in the day of my trouble. I must rely on You during this time. You are righteous, and You will surely deliver me from the hands of Saul.



Understanding Jealousy

Today, we learned that jealousy is a scary emotion. It comes from Satan, who wants us to feel bitter and unsatisfied. Saul failed to overcome jealousy and was troubled with a distressing spirit. He couldn't find any happiness even though he was a king. He worried day and night that David would take over his kingdom one day. So, what exactly is jealousy? Let's look deeper into King Saul's example in order to gain a better understanding of jealousy.

1. What made Saul jealous of David in the first place?

1a.

(Hint: What did the women say about when David returned from the slaughter of Goliath?)

1b.

(Hint: Who left Saul, but was with David?)

1c.

(Hint: What did David receive from the people of Israel?)

2. How else did Saul feel when he was jealous of David?

3. What did Saul fear about David?

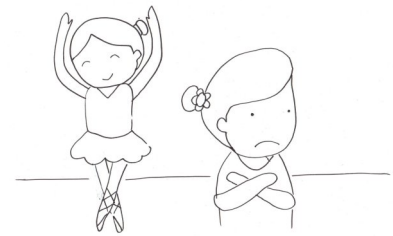
4. David never threatened Saul nor did he show any intention to harm him or take away his kingdom. Who created Saul's fear about David?

5. Saul didn't have to be jealous. How could he have changed the way he thought?

Overcoming Jealousy

Scenario 1

Michelle is a very good dancer. She dances a lot outside of school but not as a school activity. One day, a new student named Nicole came to her class and when she introduced herself, she told everybody that she loves dancing. Everyone in class, including the teacher, wanted to see her dance, so she did and she was amazing! Everybody applauded and welcomed her to the class, except Michelle. She felt bitter that Nicole was obviously a better dancer than she was. She didn't want to make friends with Nicole nor did she want her classmates to become friends with her. After school, Michelle secretly told her friends that, as a dancer, she knew that Nicole wasn't really that good. She made a lot of mistakes when she danced for the class, and she was trying to show off. That night, Michelle couldn't fall asleep. She kept thinking that Nicole was going to become so popular because of her dancing skills. Deep inside, Michelle knew that Nicole was a very good dancer, but she pushed herself to deny it so that she could feel better about herself. To prove that she was right, Michelle planned to ask her dance teachers to teach her Nicole's dance routine so that she could show her classmates that she was just as good a dancer as Nicole, if not better.



Questions

1. How did Michelle feel when she found out that Nicole was a better dancer than her?

2. How did Michelle treat Nicole?

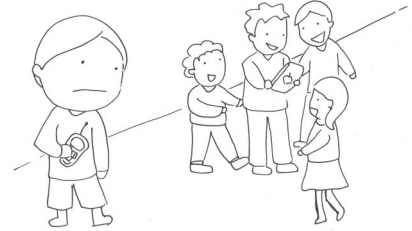
3. Did Nicole do anything wrong or deserve the way Michelle treated her?

4. How might Michelle have felt differently if she had never compared herself with Nicole?

5. What can Michelle do to overcome her jealousy towards Nicole?

Scenario 2

James had been the first in his class to own a cell phone. He has so many cool games on his phone, and his classmates often asked if they could go to his house to play on his phone after school. Yesterday, Raymond, one of James' classmates, also got his first cell phone, too! It is the newest phone on the market—it was released last week and is very expensive! All of a sudden, James didn't like his phone anymore. He complained to his parents that his phone was too old, even though it is still one of the newest models. He doesn't want to go to school because he feels embarrassed that his phone isn't as good as Raymond's. He no longer invites his friends to his house after school to play on his phone because he thinks that everyone likes Raymond's phone better. What's more, he doesn't want to hang out with Raymond anymore or even see him around school. James cannot focus whenever Raymond is around.

**Questions**

1. How did James feel when he found out that Raymond has a better cell phone?
2. How did James treat Raymond?
3. Did Raymond do anything wrong or deserve the way James was treating him?
4. How might James have felt differently if he had never compared himself with Raymond?
5. What can James do to overcome his jealousy towards Raymond?

FIND YOUR GIFTS!

Helping Words

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| musical | patient | artistic | compassionate |
| caring | diligent | friendly | humble |
| easy-going | organized | active | positive |

Hello, _____!

God made you in a very special and unique way. Did you know that? He also gave you many gifts/talents that He wants you to use to serve and glorify Him! Here are just a few we can think of...

Gift/Talent	How you can use it to serve God and His church

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Proverbs 14:30**)

Fill In the Blank

1. Jonathan told David, saying, "My father _____ seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until _____, and stay in a _____ place and _____."
2. Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his _____, against _____, because he was not sinned against you, and because his works have been very _____ toward you. Why then will you sin against _____ blood, to kill David without a _____?"

Multiple Choice

3. _____: Saul was worried that David would _____.
 - a. Take over his kingdom
 - b. Kill him with a spear while he played music for him
 - c. Take his daughter as a wife
4. _____: David initially did not want to be the king's son-in-law because he _____.
 - a. Already knew that it was a trap
 - b. Was worried that his brothers would be jealous
 - c. Was poor and lightly esteemed

Short Answer

5. What were the women saying when David returned from the slaughter of Goliath?
6. What was Saul's reaction after Jonathan explained to him that David was innocent?
7. List 3 reasons that Saul was jealous of David.
8. If you were Saul, what would you have done to overcome jealousy?