



## **LESSON PLAN**

**SERIES: FORGIVENESS**

**THE POINT: KINDNESS OVER REVENGE**

**BIBLE STORY: DAVID AND SAUL IN THE CAVE**

**AGE: GRADE 3 - GRADE 6**

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Students will learn the story of David and Saul in the cave
- They will also learn that we should show kindness instead of taking revenge

### **AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- Link Show video
- Craft / activity
- Discussion questions

### **MEMORY VERSE**

1 Peter 3:9 - Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

### **BIBLE CONTEXT**

In 1 Samuel 24, we find David hiding in a cave while King Saul is pursuing him. Unaware that David is in the cave, Saul enters to relieve himself. David's men encourage him to seize the opportunity to kill Saul, but David refuses, choosing instead to cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Later, David confronts Saul from a safe distance, showing him the piece of robe as proof that he could have killed him but chose not to. David expresses his respect for Saul as the Lord's anointed king and his willingness to leave justice in God's hands.



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### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever been tempted to get revenge when someone wronged you? How did you handle that feeling?
2. Why do you think David chose to forgive Saul instead of seeking revenge? What can we learn from his example?
3. How can forgiveness help us in our relationships with others? Can you think of a time when forgiving someone brought peace or healing?

### **PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION**

Just as David chose to forgive Saul instead of taking revenge, we too should practice forgiveness in our lives. When someone hurts or wrongs us, we can choose to let go of bitterness and anger and extend forgiveness. Forgiveness doesn't mean that we forget what happened or that there are no consequences, but it means that we release the desire for revenge and allow God to deal with the situation in His way and His timing. By forgiving others, we free ourselves from the burden of holding onto grudges and experience the peace and freedom that come from following God's command to forgive.

### **PRAY**

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your student support network.

### **LESSON WRAP-UP**

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to [thelinkshow@linkkids.com.au](mailto:thelinkshow@linkkids.com.au)