

# David Is Kind to Saul

## I Samuel 16:14-23

King Saul did not feel well. He had disobeyed God. King Saul had not done what God had wanted him to do. He felt awful! Terrible, scary thoughts kept coming into his mind. He felt sad most of the time.

Saul's special helpers wondered how they could help the king. They thought and thought. "I know," said one of them: "let's find someone who can play beautiful music on the harp. Let's ask him to come here and live with the king. Whenever Saul doesn't feel well, that person can play lovely music and the king will feel better."

King Saul thought that was a good idea. He asked his servants to find someone like that and to bring that person to him.

"I've heard about a young man in Bethlehem who plays the harp," said one of the servants. "He plays beautiful music, he is a brave person, and everybody likes him. He loves God too. His name is David."

"Let's ask him to come and live with the king," said the others.

Soon David did come to live at the king's house. He came to love King Saul very much, even though King Saul was sometimes unkind to him. Whenever King Saul did not feel well, David would bring his harp and play beautiful, soothing music for the king until he felt better. God helped David be kind to the unhappy king.

About the Bible Memory Verse:

Why do you suppose God wants people to be kind to one another? When we are kind, we are showing love to others, just as God shows His love to us. It pleases Him when we are kind even to the people who are not kind to us. The Bible tells us there were many times when King Saul was unkind to David, but David loved him and was kind to the king anyway. The Bible says (Matthew 5:44) "Do good to them that hate you." David did that, and the Bible says God was pleased with him.

Bible Verse to Learn

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