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3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 11 • Session 2

DAVID SHOWED MERCY

1 Samuel 24

**IS ANYTHING OR ANYONE GREATER THAN GOD?
NO, GOD IS GREATER THAN EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.**

David became a great military leader for the Israelites. Saul was very jealous of David. Saul was hunting down David to kill him, because he did not want David to become king instead of him.

While Saul chased after David to kill him, Saul went into a cave to go to the bathroom. He went into the very cave where David and his men were hiding. Saul did not see David and the men in the cave. David snuck up behind Saul while he was going to the bathroom and cut off a corner of his robe.

Afterward, David felt terrible for cutting off a corner of Saul's robe. David said to his men: "I should have never done such a thing to a man anointed by the LORD!"

Then Saul left the cave. David followed him out of the cave and called, "My lord the king! Why do you listen to the people who say I want to hurt you? I could have killed you in the cave, but I showed mercy because you are the Lord's anointed. See, I have the corner of your robe in my hand, but I didn't kill you. I haven't sinned against you even though you are hunting me down to take my life."

David told Saul that God is their judge. Then David said he would never harm Saul. Saul wept and said to David, "You are more righteous than I am. May the LORD repay you with good for what you've done for me today. Now I know for certain you will be king over the kingdom of Israel."

Christ Connection: Saul was trying to kill David, but David chose to show Saul mercy. When the people were killing Jesus, He showed them mercy and said, "Father, forgive them." We all sin, but God shows us mercy through Jesus, who died for our sin and rose again.

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