Activities



Get three sets of matching or similar toys. Hand one of each to three children. Trade the matching/similar item with each child. Were those fair trades? (yes) If someone hits you, would it be a fair trade to hit them back? (yes) Does that mean you should do it? (no) God doesn't always want you to do what is fair. He also wants you to show mercy. Mercy means when others deserve something bad, you give them something good in trade for it.

Remember Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Esau? God had promised Rebecca that Jacob would rule over his older brother, Esau. Rebecca and Jacob tried to make this happen in their own timing, instead of waiting for God's timing. Abraham and Sarah had also had trouble waiting for God's timing to bring them the son that was promised. But David waited patiently, even when his life was in danger. He trusted that God would keep his promise when it was time. Joseph had also waited for God's promise to come true, even though it took 20 years. Things work out much better when we don't try to make things happen in our timing.

David could have been about ten when he was anointed by Samuel. But he didn't become king until he was 30. That's about triple the length of his life when he was anointed. Have children each say their age and something they would like to do in the near future (visit a place, win a prize). Imagine I told you that you would get to ____, but then it took another _____ years, double number of years as you've been alive to get to



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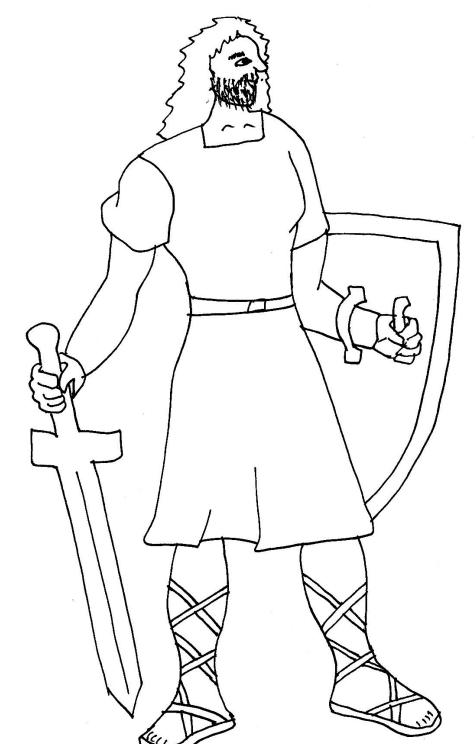
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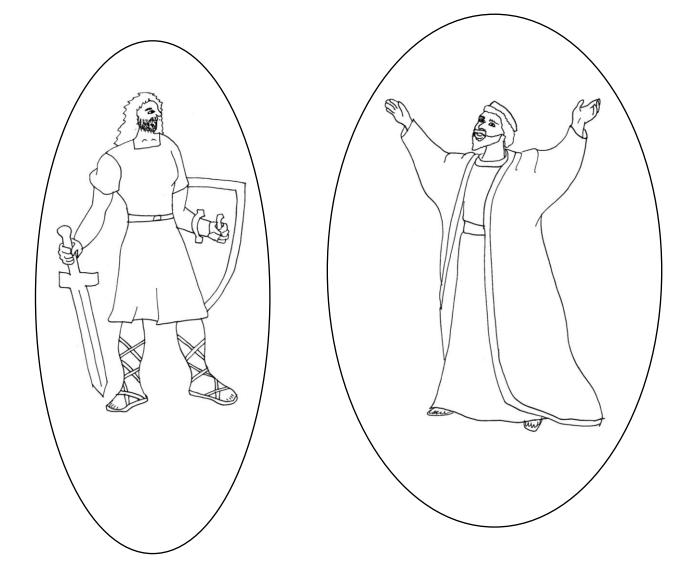
Craft



Materials: paper plates, small paper bowls

- Teacher cuts bowls in half.
- Children color and cut out Saul and David.
- Children color bowl and plate brown.
- Children glue half bowl onto plate.
- Children glue verse, Saul and David to plate.





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Preschool

Coloring Page:



Encourage children to draw a picture of something they would like to do or have one day.

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make a crown or a cave.

<u>Game:</u>

Gather children on the floor in a circle. Have one child blindfolded and lie in the middle of the circle on the floor with their head on a cushion with a paper crown next to them. Tap another child on the shoulder to be David. David takes the crown and hides it behind their back. Say "Wake up Saul!" Then Saul takes off their blindfold and guesses who is David.

David Becomes King



