

**Major Event:** David

**Lesson 2: Resented by Saul**

- Befriended by Saul's Son, Jonathan
- Provided for by God as he Obeys

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 18:1-16, 1 Samuel 19-20, Psalm 142, 57

**Central Text:** 1 Samuel 18:1-16

**Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:**

- Saul, now living in disobedience (1 Samuel 15:11), resents David and makes him an enemy, while his son, Jonathan, in contrast, humbly befriends David
- Jonathan was a man of faith and courage (1 Samuel 14:1-15)
- Jonathan and David had a friendship based on a common purpose of trusting and obeying the Living God
- Humility: Jonathan's selfless action (1 Samuel 18:1-4) reflects his submission to Samuel's oracle that Saul would not have a continuing dynasty (1 Samuel 13:13-14). Rather than trying to perpetuate his father Saul's dynasty, as Abner later tried to do (2 Sam. 2:8-9), Godly Jonathan turned over the symbols of the crown prince to David.
- 1 Samuel 18-19-20, Saul directly tried to kill David. 18:10-16  
Then Saul indirectly tried using the Philistines. 18:17-20  
Next Saul indirectly tried using Jonathan and Saul's men. 19:1-7  
Then Saul directly tried to kill David again. 19:8-10  
Through all this, David obeys and is spared, living in humble obedience as God's future chosen, anointed King.
- From this point on David was no longer able to stay in Saul's presence, but he had to flee and escape, seeking refuge from the king wherever he could find it. David's days as a fugitive (living beyond the king's reach), which began here, would continue until Saul died.
- David's Prayers of Trust in Yahweh: Psalm 142 and 57, Psalms of David when he fled from Saul into the cave

**Suggested Attributes:**

Of God: Sovereignty, Omniscience, Omnipresence

Of Man: Humility, Loyalty, Trust in God

**Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:** 1 Samuel 18:1-16, Psalm 57