

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



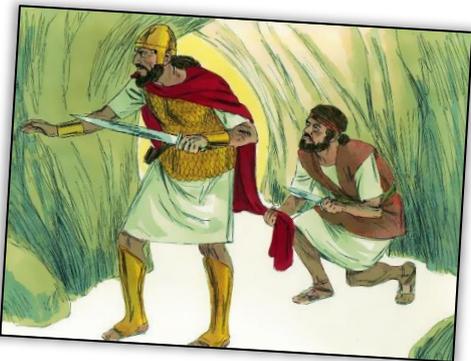
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of David on the run.

You can find it in your Bible in:

1 Samuel 24

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of David on the run. Even when David was going through difficult times he still tried to be a good leader and set an example. Even though King Saul had treated him badly he showed respect to him.

Help us to learn from the example of David, to live our lives as an example for others, to apologise when we make mistakes and to show respect to others treating them well even in difficult circumstances.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What makes a good leader?

How do we show respect to those in leadership?

When David cut off the corner of Saul’s robe he immediately felt guilty, even though Saul had attacked David he was still the King of Israel, David knew he should show him respect .

When Saul saw David’s behaviour, he recognised that one day he would be a good leader of Israel. David knew when he had made mistakes and was honest about it, he wanted to set a good example to the men who were with him and he was quick to apologise to Saul for what he had done.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you tell me about a time when you did something then realised it was wrong or had a falling out with a friend – what did you do to make things right again?

Family Activity 1

In the story David managed to creep up and cut off the edge of Saul’s cloak. Play a game of “catch the keys” to see how good your creeping skills are!

Place a bunch of keys under a chair, one person sits on the chair and must keep their eyes closed or wear a blindfold. Others take it in turns to try and sneak in and take the keys without the person on the chair grabbing them.

How does it feel when you are trying to get the keys?

How do you think David felt creeping up to Saul?



A verse to remember

Matthew 7 v 12

Do to others what you want them to do to you.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.



Family Activity 2

David and his men were hiding from Saul. Saul took three thousand men to search for David, it was inside the very cave that David and his men were hiding that Saul decided to go to the toilet!

Play your own game of hide and seek together!



Active Prayer

Just as David respected and honoured King Saul we can pray for those who are in positions of authority over us. You will need to find a flight of stairs in your home or visit a hill or stairs if you live on one floor.

Pick a place to pray for e.g. school, work, community or church. Begin on the bottom step or a low point and pray for somebody in a position of little authority. Work your way up a step at a time praying for those in authority e.g. school pupil, teaching assistant, teacher, head of year, headteacher.

Can you pray your way all the way to the top of the stairs?

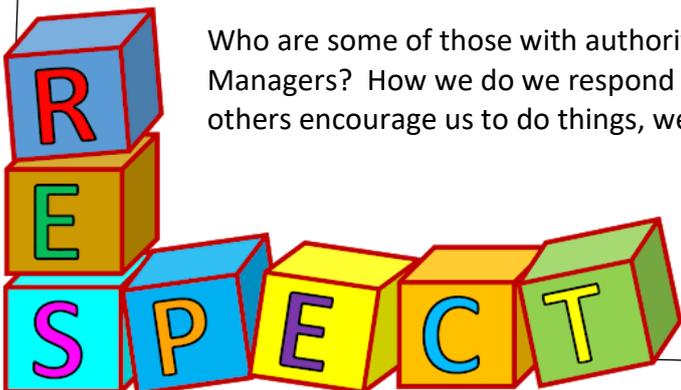


Helping Older Children

David's men wanted to attack and kill Saul while he was in the cave. It would have been such an easy way to end things between them. David knew that even though things were difficult between him and Saul that he still needed to show respect to the King.

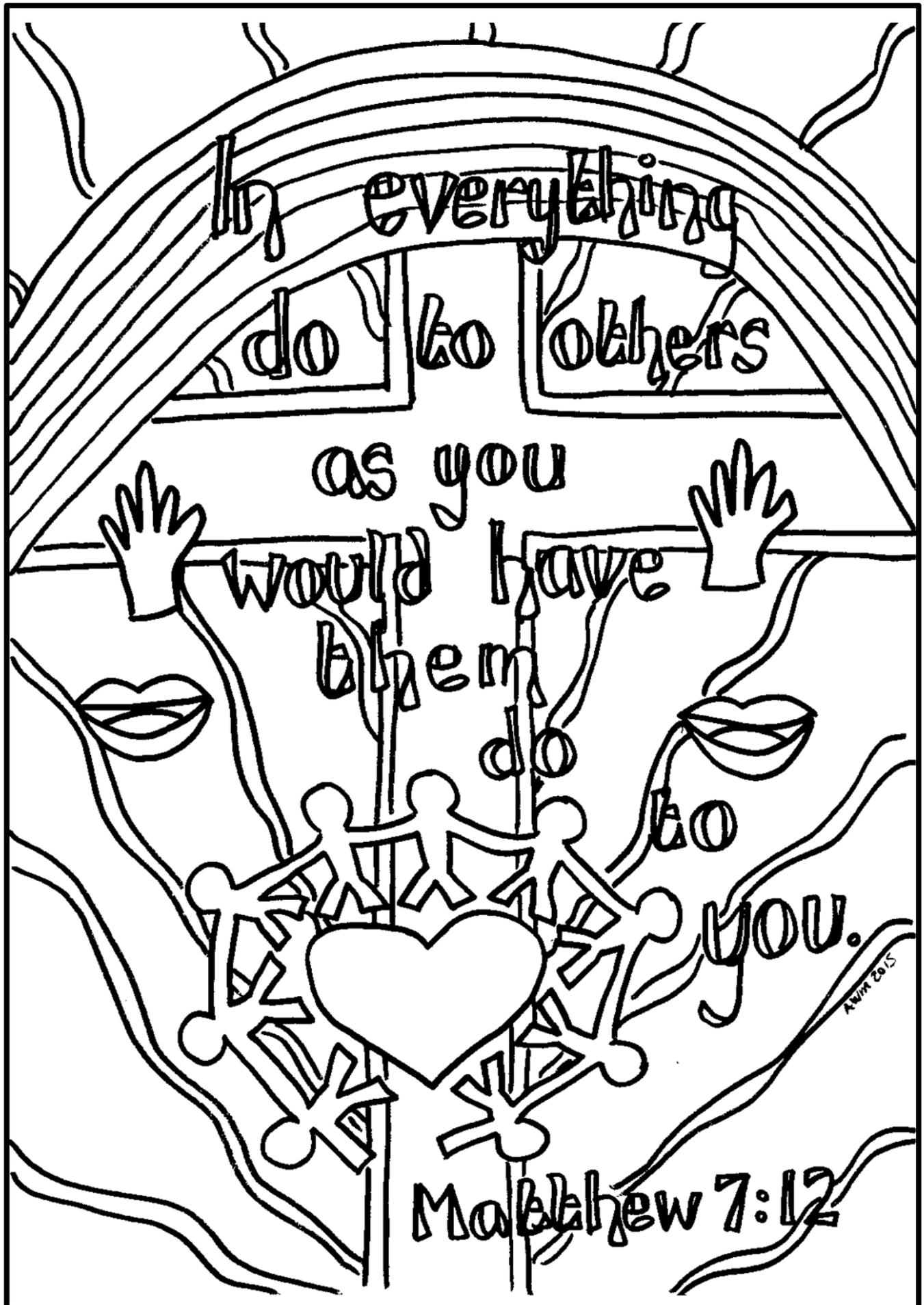
Who are some of those with authority in our lives? Teachers? Church leaders? Politicians? Managers? How do we respond when we do not agree with their actions or when others encourage us to do things, we know are wrong?

Why not use the story of David to talk about how we react when our friends ask us to do things we know are wrong or when we struggle in our relationships with those in positions of authority.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

The colouring page is provided by <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com>



PUZZLE SHEET

How many fabric scraps can you find on the page?



Can you find all these words from the story in the word search?

Can you colour the matching scraps the same colour and find the scrap which has no pair!

e n p u e v a c g l c t m y h
 f g b m g f u f n b r s x i s
 l k n f s f g y b c z q n g c
 w l y e f l o o r t m y l v s
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Can you find ten differences between the two pictures of David in the cave?



Design a cape fit for a King!

