

Respect  
**Hide and Seek**

One time when David was running from King Saul, a group called the Ziphites told King Saul where David was hiding.”

“King Saul took his 3,000 best troops and went to capture or kill David.”

“David was hiding in the wilderness, and he was able to sneak up on King Saul’s camp while they were sleeping one night.”

“The Bible says that God put a deep sleep on all of King Saul’s army, so they didn’t wake up when David and one of his men crept up to the place where King Saul was sleeping.”

“David’s soldier offered to kill King Saul right then and there so that David could be king, but David wouldn’t allow him to hurt the king.”

Saul went into to the cave alone to relieve himself. David creped near enough to Saul and cut off a piece of his robe.

“David didn’t want to be king until God was ready for him to be king.”

“So, he instructed his soldier to take King Saul’s **spear** and **water jug**.”

“They escaped to a safe place, and then David called out to **Abner**, the commander of King Saul’s army.”

“He said, ‘Abner! Abner! Why are you sleeping when your king’s enemy has come to destroy him? You didn’t guard your master, and I was able to get his spear and his water jug.’” He said some urged me to kill Saul, but I spared him; I said, ‘I will not lift my hand against my master because he is the **LORD’S** anointed.’

“King Saul awoke. He was shocked and felt guilty for how he was treating David compared to the kindness David had shown him in preserving his life.”

“He invited David to come back with him and promised never to try to hurt him again.”

“David, though, knew better. He knew he couldn’t trust King Saul, so he returned the king’s spear and water jug and went back to his hideout.”

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1. According to the passage, why did God put King Saul's soldiers into a deep sleep? [1]

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2. Why didn't David let his soldier kill King Saul? [1]

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3a. Do you think this was the right decision? Write yes or no. [1] \_\_\_\_\_

3b. Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2]

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4. What did David do to Saul's robe? [1]

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5. What did Saul do because David did not kill him? [2]

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