

# DAVID FLEES FOR HIS LIFE

## *1 Samuel 21:1-22:5*

### **1 Samuel 21**

<sup>1</sup>David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?”

<sup>2</sup>David answered Ahimelech the priest, “The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.

<sup>3</sup>Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.”

<sup>4</sup>But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.”

<sup>5</sup>David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men’s things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” <sup>6</sup>So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

<sup>7</sup>Now one of Saul’s servants was there that day, detained before the LORD; he was Doeg the Edomite, Saul’s head shepherd.

<sup>8</sup>David asked Ahimelech, “Don’t you have a spear or a sword here? I haven’t brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king’s business was urgent.”

<sup>9</sup>The priest replied, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one.”

David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”

<sup>10</sup>That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath. <sup>11</sup>But the servants of Achish said to him, “Isn’t this David, the king of the

land? Isn’t he the one they sing about in their dances:

“‘Saul has slain his thousands,  
and David his tens of thousands?’”

<sup>12</sup>David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath. <sup>13</sup>So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.

<sup>14</sup>Achish said to his servants, “Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? <sup>15</sup>Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?”

### **1 Samuel 22**

<sup>1</sup>David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father’s household heard about it, they went down to him there. <sup>2</sup>All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

<sup>3</sup>From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, “Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?” <sup>4</sup>So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

<sup>5</sup>But the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah.” So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did David run away from Saul?
5		2.) Where did David hide?
5		3.) What was David waiting for? (Verse 22:5)
5		4.) Why do you think David was waiting on the Lord?

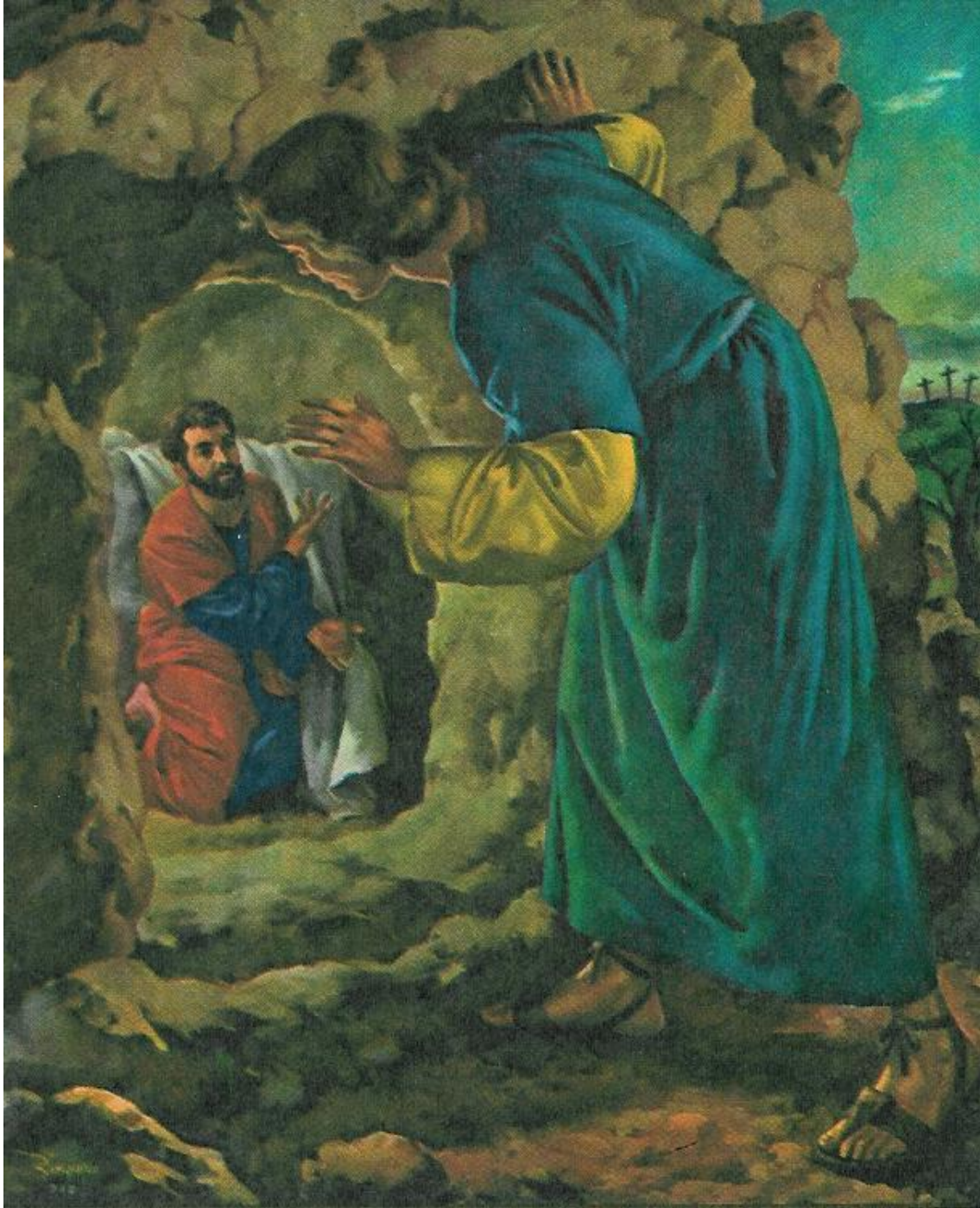
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 27:14</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*David hid in a cave while hiding from Saul*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CLOCK

Students will make a clock to remind them that David was waiting on the Lord to find out what God would do for him (1 Samuel 22:3)

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Clock Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Hole Punch
5. Paper Brads
6. Glue
7. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
8. Paper Plates



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Clock Pattern” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the clock hands and numbers with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the numbers and clock hands.
4. Allow students to glue the numbers onto the paper plate.
5. Punch a hole through the black dots on the two clock hands with a hole punch.
6. Using a paper brad, affix the clock hands to the center of the paper plate.
7. Glue the memory verse to the clock-face.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their clocks, remind them of how David was hiding from Saul because Saul was looking to kill him. While he was hiding-out and waiting to learn what God would do for him, nearly 400 men joined him. These men would later help David as a powerbase. Encourage students to learn from David’s example and wait for the Lord as the memory verse indicates.

**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 15 minutes

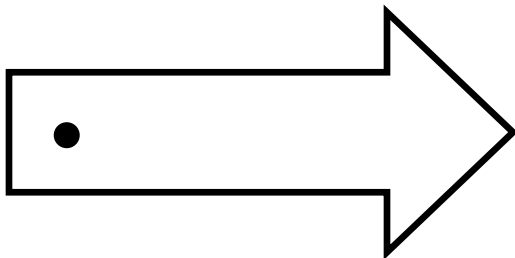
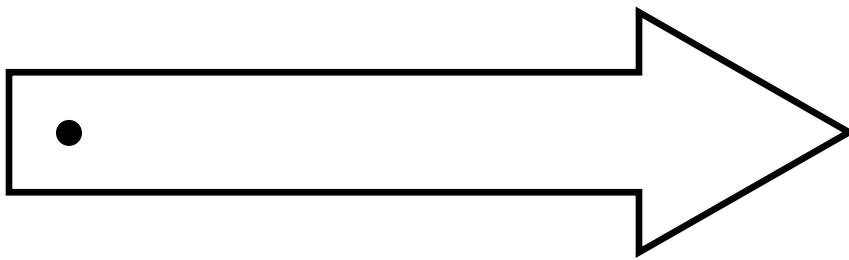
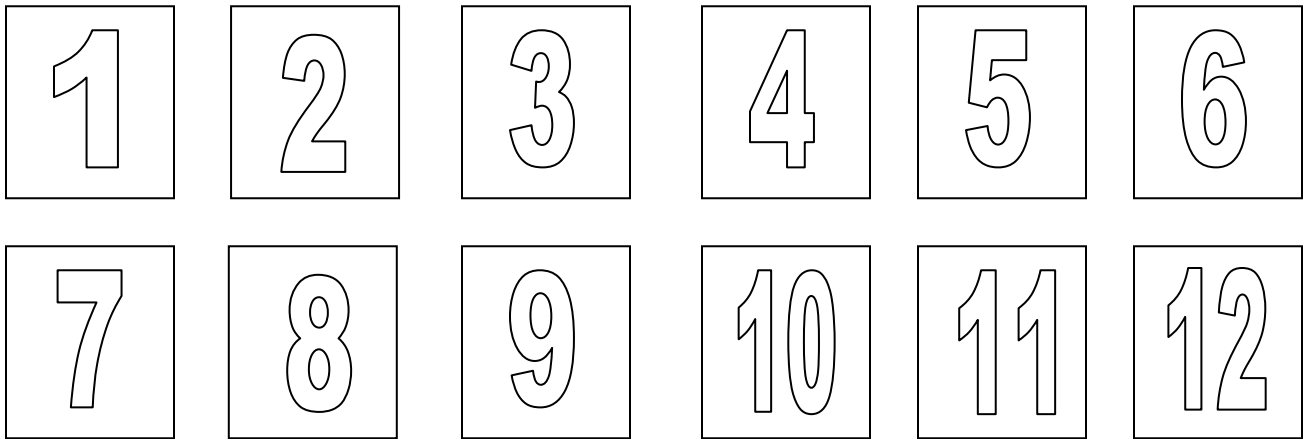
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## CLOCK PATTERN



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 21:1-22:5

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David went to Nob to see the priest. David told the priest that king put him on a special mission. He was on the run from Saul. Saul wanted David dead.

David was hungry and asked the priest for something to eat. The priest gave him some special consecrated bread.

David asked Ahimelech the priest for a spear or a sword. The priest gave David the sword that belonged to Goliath. Goliath was the Philistine that David had killed.

When the king of Gath recognized David, David got scared. He started to act crazy. He made marks on the doors and gate. He also began to slobber on his beard.

Then David escaped to a cave. David's family went down to meet him. Anyone who was in distress or owed others money came to live with David. David became their leader. About 400 men were with David.

Later, David traveled to other areas.

For additional details about this story, please read 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did David ask the priest for?
2. Where did David hide for a while?
3. Why do you think David kept moving around?
4. Why do you think David acted crazy in front of the king?

## MEMORY VERSE

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

Psalms 27:14

## FINISH THE PICTURE

