

Sleeping Saul Skit

(Based on 1 Samuel 26)

Parts: David, Abishai, Saul, Abner, Saul's men (2 or more)

Props: pitcher/cup, broom handle or long stick for Saul's spear, optional: towels/blankets, pillow, crown for Saul, costumes

Scene: Have Saul, Abner, and Saul's men sleeping on the floor with towels/blankets and Saul in the center. Place the water pitcher and spear next to Saul's head. Have David and Abishai start across the room from Saul's camp so they can sneak in.

Saul, Abner, and Saul's men: *Pretend to fall into a deep sleep.*

David: Saul and his men are camped nearby. Who will go down with me into his camp?

Abishai: I will go with you.

David and Abishai: *Sneak across the room and into Saul's camp.*

Abishai: *(Whispering)* They're all sound asleep! God has given your enemy into your hand. Please let me strike Saul with his own spear. *(Points to the spear by Saul's head.)*

David: No. I will not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed king. But take the spear and the jar of water, and let's go.

David and Abishai: *Collect Saul's spear and pitcher/cup and return to the other side of the room.*

Abishai: I can't believe none of Saul's men woke up!

David: The Lord was with us. Come, let's call to them. *(Cup hand to mouth)* Abner! Will you not answer, Abner?

Saul, Abner, and Saul's men: *Wake up and stretch. Get up.*

Abner: Who are you who calls to the king?

David: Why have you not kept watch over the king? For one of the people came in to destroy him. See where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was at his head? *(Hold up spear and water pitcher.)*

Abner: *(Look around for the spear and jar then whisper)* They're gone!

Saul: Is that your voice I hear, David?

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David: It is my voice, O king. But why are you chasing me? What evil have I done?

Saul: I have sinned. Come back, David, for I will not harm you because you have spared my life this day. I have acted foolishly and made a great mistake.

David: Here is your spear, O king! Let one of your men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness. I could have taken your life, but I will not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.

Saul: Bless you, David! You will do many things and will succeed in them. *(Send one of your men to David to collect the spear. Once he returns with it, leave with your men.)*