

THE COWTOWN NEWS

WANTED! CHILDREN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!

Parent's Edition

We welcome you and your children to our Wanted! VBS! Our program promises a lot of fun and activities for the children. Although our VBS has a wild west theme – we will be learning about David and Saul – the first two Kings of Israel – based on the stories found in 1 Samuel 16 – 31. The lessons will focus on troubles that David experienced because of Saul's jealousy, and will highlight the virtues that God looks for in Children after His own Heart as David was.

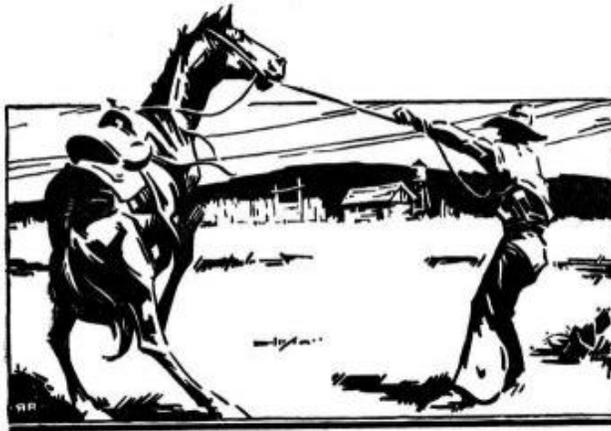
Monday, we will deal with Fears and Courage, using the story of David and Goliath.

Tuesday focuses on Saul's Jealousy and Jonathan's Loyalty towards David.

Wednesday highlights David's Uncertainties and Trusting of God while fleeing Saul.

Thursday will contrast Vengeance and Mercy – as David spares Saul's life twice.

Friday, we'll consider David's Discouragement and God's Deliverance as the Story ends.



There are a number of ways you can help your children during the week.

First, participate with them in the games and crafts time, and join with us for the first part of the Cowboy Revue – we will be singing a mixture of folksongs and spiritual songs.

The children will see the various stories of David and Saul portrayed in a serial melodrama with one episode each evening. The daily editions of the Cowtown News will deal with those events. Encourage your children to narrate for you the stories, and read together the News. The Melodrama will be repeated as a one evening play sometime in the near future and you are invited to come, and bring your children for this encore.



The children have memory verses to work on from Psalm 34. You can help them learn the verses – they will also be found on the daily editions of the Cowtown News. The verses are as follows, and younger children need only learn the italicized portion:

Overall Theme: God delivers me from Trouble.

*A righteous man may have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers him from them all* - Psalm 34:19

Monday:

I sought the LORD, and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears. - Psalm 34:4

Tuesday:

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. - Psalm 34:8

Wednesday:

The lions may grow weak and hungry,
But those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. - Psalm 34:10

Thursday:

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.
Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. - Psalm 34:13, 14

Friday:

*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* - Psalm 34:18

It is our hope that your children will be encouraged and blessed through our program. Please let us know if there are any problems or any ways that we might better serve and minister to them and to your family.