

## Turn It Up

Week 4

### **BIG IDEA**

God, help us live in harmony.

### **BIBLE**

David Spares Saul's Life: 1 Samuel 24; Ephesians 3:14–21

## LARGE GROUP TIME

Today is the big day! We are kicking off the *Turn It Up* World Tour with a huge concert right here! Can you make some noise?! We have been preparing together for some time and today's the day you all get to shine! Also, I can't wait to tell you more about how God continued to be with David as well as how things turned out between Duke and Sly.

[Play [sound effects](#) of instruments tuning before a concert as kids enter the room.]

## WHAT? What are we talking about today?

### ACTIVITY | Funky Karaoke

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show [this clip](#) from the movie *Trolls World Tour* to set up today's concert vibe (for more information on how to legally use copyrighted material for educational purposes, [read this](#)). Then create slides or printouts of about five songs kids would know the melody to. Then challenge volunteers to sing the song to the lyrics to the tune of a different song (like singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to the tune of "Happy Birthday")
- Before we showcase all of our wonderful talents, let's start with some vocal warm-ups with some karaoke . . . but with a funny and funky twist!
- Hmm, something felt a little off about these songs, right? In music, we love when things are in sync and perfect harmony — these are words we use to describe songs that, well . . . sound good! Today's Bible story is going to show us how *people* can achieve harmony in real life!

SeSO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?ction

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage or select a few key verses you'd like to zoom in on. The stage manager should have on an all-black outfit, a headset, and a clipboard. Play upbeat music as kids enter the environment and add a [record scratch sound effect](#) before speaking.*
- Hey rock stars! I'm *[fill in your name]* and I am the Stage Manager for the *Turn It Up World Tour!* It is concert week and we have all been busy getting ready for the show.
  - Unfortunately, though, the drama has been amped up around here. Duke is our newest star on the rise, but the former guitarist, Sly Steele, still keeps giving him a hard time. This time, Sly took it one step too far . . . he stole Duke's guitar!
  - So Duke headed straight for Sly's recording studio. When he got there, he found his guitar in one of the rooms, along with all of Sly's expensive guitars. Duke could have done some serious damage to Sly's collection, but instead, he sent Sly a selfie next to Sly's prized mint green Fender guitar, grabbed his own guitar, and left.
  - Moments later, Sly texted back, and guess what? He said he was sorry and he that he wished Duke and the band a great show! With a smiley face emoji and everything! Isn't that a wild turn of events?
- Once again, this story reminds me of something from the Bible. Like the tension between David and Saul in 1 Samuel 24.
  - Saul's jealousy of David grew to unhealthy levels. He tried to kill David so many times, and David had to keep running away.
  - One time, Saul gathered three thousand men to go with him and hunt down David in the desert. David and his troops were hiding in a cave when Saul unknowingly came into the cave, too — all by himself.
- The people who were with David thought this was the perfect opportunity for David to defeat Saul and put an end to the feud, once and for all.
  - But, David decided to spare Saul's life. **This is what he said to his men in 1 Samuel 24:5-7.**
  - He did sneak up on Saul and cut off a corner of his robe. When Saul walked out of the cave, David followed him and called out his name. Saul turned around and was shocked to see David, holding up the corner of his robe.
- David wanted Saul to know that he had spared the king's life. **Let's see what he said to Saul in 1 Samuel 24:8-15.**
  - After hearing this, Saul felt guilty. **This is how he responded, in 1 Samuel 24:17-21.**
- It would have been understandable for David to exact revenge on someone who had been chasing him and wanting him dead, but he didn't do that. He left everything up to God and instead worked hard to be in harmony with others . . . even with his enemy!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the leader dress as a DJ like in previous weeks. Form three groups, with a leader in each group. Have someone sing or play a 1, 3, 5 (Do, Mi, So) on an instrument or sing it a cappella. Have the first group sing "Do," the second group sing "Mi," and the third group sing "So" Have them build the chord progressively, while each group holds out their note. Afterward, have them replace the "Do-Mi-So" with the words from the Big Idea.*
  - **ACCESSIBILITY HACK:** *Have kids sing the Big Idea with you to the tune of "Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do" with each syllable representing a note.*
- **Yo, people! Are ready to turn up the Big Idea!? I said, y'all ready to turn it up?!**
- In music, harmony is when several different notes are all sung at once, but their tones go together well. Some notes played together might make you want to cover your ears. They sound horrible! When notes are sung or played in harmony, they sound beautiful!
- Let's try making our own harmony.
  - First group, you sing, "God help us," on Do.
  - Second group, you sing "live in" on Mi.
  - Third group you sing, "harmony" on So.
  - **God, help us live in harmony!**
- And that's how we do it at the *Turn It Up* World Tour! DJ out.

SCRIPTURE | Ephesians 3:14–21

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage together.*
- This is another letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to a church in Ephesus. **Anybody remember who Paul is?**
  - Before Paul became a follower of Jesus, he did not live in harmony with early Christians. He actually tried to send them to jail, and stop people from hearing the good news of Jesus.
  - Jesus appeared to Paul in a vision and told Paul to stop persecuting him. Paul's eyes were opened to the love of Jesus. Instead of Jesus taking revenge on Paul, Jesus reached out to him with love, kindness, and compassion.
- Paul was shocked. He thought the only way to deal with people who had different beliefs than he did was to fight with and harm them.
  - Jesus showed Paul that everything must be "*rooted and established in love*" — even when we disagree with someone.
  - This is the example that Jesus set when he was living on earth. He loved those who didn't agree with him. He was kind to people who the world had forgotten. Even as he was dying, he acted with compassion.
- Paul had been in the middle of many disputes, but instead of acting out of anger or bitterness, he chose to follow in Jesus' footsteps. He also encouraged the Ephesians to do the same. Paul prayed that with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Ephesians would know the love of Jesus and share the love of Jesus — with others inside and outside of the church.
- Paul's letter is kind of like a prayer that we can all pray today: **God, help us live in harmony.**

VIDEO | Turn It Up, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Press Play](#).

## NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

REFLECTION | Dazzling Duets

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Watch a video of two people singing in harmony on a music show. Check out [this one](#) from Korean game show *I Can See Your Voice* (start at 1:06). For more information on how to legally use copyrighted material for educational purposes, [read this!](#)
- Previously on this show, the guest musician and the audience had to choose if they thought the contestant could carry a tune. So imagine the shock when the contestant turned out to be a phenomenal singer! What's more, he was able to harmonize seamlessly with the guest musician!
- **What did you like about the video?**
- **What words would you describe how the two singers sounded when they sang together?**
- A lot of times, what gets in the way of harmony is when we are quick to judge other people. We make decisions and draw conclusions about people without really getting to know them or without giving them a fair chance.
- **When would you find it difficult to be in harmony with somebody?**
- **Why is it better to get along and live in harmony?**

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 147:7 (NIV)

- **"Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing the memory verse to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Sing it all together the first time, and then divide the kids into three groups. Designate a leader for each group and have them help the kids sing it in [a round](#).

PRAYER

- God, sometimes it is hard for me to love those around me, but with your help, I can live in harmony with others. Help me look past differences and disagreements and

learn to make peace, like beautiful music to your ears. Amen.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

### DISCUSSION

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**

- **What did David's friends want him to do when Saul came into the cave?** *To deal with him as he wished, to kill him.*
- **What did David do instead?** *He cut off a corner of Saul's robe to show that he could have but did not attack him.*
- **Why did David decide not to hurt Saul?** *He felt he had not done anything wrong, Saul was still the king, he wanted to leave the matter to God.*
- **Read Ephesians 3:17. What do you think it means to be "rooted and established in love?"**

- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- **When we get our feelings hurt, why do we have the urge to get back at the person who hurt us?**
- **Why is it better to get along?**
- **How has God helped you live in harmony when you've been angry or upset with someone?**