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SERIES: OUTRAGEOUS FOR KIDS

The Story of Absalom

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Props: Put the phrase "GOD CAN DO OUTRAGEOUS THINGS" in big bold colors up on the wall.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're continuing in our series today called, "Outrageous"! Remember, outrageous means something cool or totally unbelievable. Let's do a quick review! First, we learned about Paul. Was Paul always a good guy? (allow kids to answer) No way, he used to be VERY mean to Christians. But then he met Jesus and received his outrageous forgiveness. We've also learned about Gideon. Was Gideon brave? (allow kids to answer) Nope, but God wanted to use him to defeat a HUGE army. So God made him brave and he can make us brave, too. Last week we learned about a storm. What outrageous thing did Jesus do to the storm? (allow kids to answer) Right, he told it to stop, and it DID! He helped his scared friends with his outrageous power and he can help us when we're scared, too.

Today we're going to talk about another outrageous story from the Bible. This one's all about our pal King David and one of his sons. David was the greatest king in Israel and he had lots of kids. One of his kids was the most handsome guy in Israel and his name was Absalom. And Absalom and his dad had a pretty big fight.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Greatly to Be Praised

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

God loves us even when we don't deserve it. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Handsome Absalom was _____ (ugly) on the inside.
- Whose army fought against Absalom's army? (David's)
- True or False: David didn't care when Absalom died. (F)

That is definitely false. David was so sad when he heard that Absalom died that he ran up to his room and cried. Even though his son had been a real jerk and tried to kill him, he still loved him anyways. That's outrageous!

Did you know that God is the same way with us? Even though we can be mean and do bad things, God still loves us.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"But God (point up) showed his great love (hug self) for us by sending Christ (arms in cross) to die for us (point at self) while we were still sinners (thumbs down)." Romans 5:8 *(Repeat)*

Great job! Did you catch what this verse is saying? Jesus came and died for us even though we are sinners. Remember, sin is going our own way instead of God's way. So, we all have been mean to God by disobeying him. We haven't done anything to deserve God's love but he gives it to us anyways. He sent Jesus to fix our sin problem so that we could say "No" to sin and "Yes" to honoring God with our lives. Now that's outrageous love.

Let's stand and sing a song to our powerful God!

Song

Lean on Me

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God loves us even when we don't deserve it. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.