

LESSON 12

DAVID BECOMES KING

BEFORE YOU TEACH

Jerusalem

David's greatest achievement was to capture the ancient fortress of Jerusalem. It lay between the northern territory of Benjamin (where Saul had ruled) and the southern territory of Judah (where David had built up his own military base).

Jerusalem was the hinge that joined the two halves of Israel. It was David's own city, won by his private army and captured by brave and strategic planning.

Then, David went one step further—he made Jerusalem the religious capital of the nation by installing the ark of the covenant there; the ark was the symbol of God's presence among His people. From then on, Jerusalem was the holy city, the center of worship of the Lord, and the center of all the hopes of Israel.

Jebusites

Also known as Jebus, Jerusalem was initially occupied by the Jebusites. They were one of the seven mighty nations in the land of Canaan whom God wanted the Israelites to drive out from the promised land. But the Israelites were unable to do so in the time of Joshua and the judges (Josh 15:63), which is why the Jebusites remained inhabitants there until David's time.

In conquering Jerusalem and having victory over the Jebusites, David played a part in accomplishing God's will for His chosen people to drive out the Canaanites.

BIBLE TEXT

2 Samuel 2:8-11; 4:1-12; 5:1-12

BIBLE TRUTH

The Lord blesses those who persevere in doing His will.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

To always do what is right and patiently wait for God's blessings.

MEMORY VERSE

"For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous."

(Psalm 5:12a)

PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. We thank You, Lord, for gathering us here today in Your name on the holy Sabbath. Please guide us today as we learn how You bless those who do Your will. Please give us the wisdom to know what You want us to do, and the strength to do it. May Your Spirit guide us through today's class. Hallelujah! Amen.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

For this week's lesson, your students will learn how David was finally rewarded with the kingship.

Although David was initially anointed by Samuel, it was only much later that he finally became the king of Israel at the age of thirty. He endured many difficulties (including running away from Saul), waited patiently for the fulfillment of God's promise, and continued to persevere in doing what was right.

You will help your students learn to persevere in doing what is right, even though they may not see the immediate reward or results. From David's example, we can see that God doesn't always fulfill His promises immediately, but He will fulfill them.

Persevering in doing what is right may be especially hard for your students when they see bad behavior being tolerated or rewarded. For example, they may have gotten

a "D" on a test, but a friend who cheated got an "A." Or they may have had to pay for something in a store when others just stole it.

It may not seem fair to your students that their peers do wrong and get away with it, but they do right and God does not seem to reward them. Encourage your students that when they have these doubts and feelings, they can talk to God about them. God knows and remembers their good deeds and will reward them eventually.

Help your students know that God also gave them people like RE teachers, parents, or even brothers and sisters in church to turn to for help. They can share their feelings with them and ask them questions.

No matter what happens, God wants His children to do what is right. He understands and will give us the strength to do so.

VOCABULARY

crippled: unable to move or walk

capture: to take by force

persevere: to continue and never give up

harp: a stringed musical instrument

REVIEW

Last week, we learned about a very smart woman named Abigail. Do you remember what she did that was so smart? (She made peace between David and her husband Nabal when David wanted to kill all the men in their household.)

What did we learn from how Abigail made peace? (We should also make peace with others because God wants us to live in harmony with one another.)

BIBLE STORY

Introduction

Students, imagine that one day someone promised to give you a surprise present but you had to wait for many years to get it. How would you feel? [Let students respond with answers along the lines of annoyed, disappointed, looking forward, etc.]

Did you know that David also had to wait a long time for a promise? When Samuel anointed David, this was God's promise that someday he would be king. But David had to wait for a long time before this promise came true.

This week, we will learn how God finally made David king over Israel and how David continued to do what was right while patiently waiting for God to fulfill His promise.

From Shepherd Boy to Anointed King

What was David like before he became the king of Israel?

David was born in the city of Bethlehem in Judea. [Bring a world map and a map of Israel and show students where they are located currently, then show the location where David was born.] David's father was Jesse and his grandparents were Boaz and Ruth. [Draw David's family tree on the board.]

David was first mentioned in the Bible in 1 Samuel chapter 16. God decided that He no longer wanted Saul to

- **David was a talented harpist:** When King Saul was disturbed by an evil spirit, one of Saul's servants knew David could play the harp and he was brought before the king. King Saul enjoyed listening to David's harp playing, and the evil spirit left so that King Saul became well again.
- **David was an armor bearer:** After David played the harp for King Saul, the king liked him and made David his armor bearer.
- **David was a champion for the Israelites:** When Israel was fighting with the Philistines, David's three older brothers were sent to fight. One day, Jesse sent David to the battlefield to see his brothers. When he arrived, David discovered that a Philistine giant was intimidating Israel. The giant's name was Goliath and he was more than nine feet tall. Each day, he challenged any Israelite brave enough to fight him. No one in King Saul's army was brave enough to accept the challenge. But David volunteered to face Goliath, even though his brothers objected and King Saul doubted him. David faced Goliath with a sling and five smooth stones that he had found in a brook. Goliath was humored at David's challenge but died soon after, as David struck him in the forehead with a smooth stone. The Philistine army was shocked and ran away. David cut off Goliath's head with his own sword and took his armor. This event turned David into a champion for the Israelites.
- **David was a man on the run:** After David was made an army officer and had success in all his battles. Saul was jealous of David's popularity. Saul became most angry when the women of Israel sang, "Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." One day, as David was playing his harp in the palace, Saul tried to kill him with a spear. David ran away. King Saul became obsessed with killing David. Saul even hoped to get rid of David by sending him to kill one hundred Philistines. However, to Saul's surprise, David killed two hundred Philistines instead. David's wife Michal, the prophet Samuel, Jonathan (Saul's oldest son), and the Philistine King Achish all protected David while Saul was looking for him.

David was not immediately king after he was anointed by Samuel. Students, if David demanded to be the king right then and there, what are some of the things that could have happened? [Let students think and respond; e.g., David would have needed to get rid of Saul and the royal family; the Israelites might have been divided between Saul and David; etc.]

be the king for His people. So, God told the prophet Samuel to go to David's hometown of Bethlehem to find a new king.

David was only a shepherd boy at the time. Though he was the youngest in the family, his father Jesse did not seem to notice him. When Samuel went to Jesse's house, Jesse brought all seven of David's older brothers to see Samuel for him to examine and select from among them.

But, God told Samuel to look at their hearts and not at what they looked like on the outside. When Samuel saw that God did not choose any of them, he asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Only then did Jesse realize that David was out watching the sheep.

David was brought before Samuel, who anointed him as the next king of Israel. David went from being a lowly shepherd boy to becoming one of the most important kings in the history of Israel!

Waiting Patiently for God's Promise

Even though David was anointed by Samuel, he did not immediately become king. As a matter of fact, David had to wait for God's time and he faithfully did other things before he became a king. What did David do while he patiently waited for God's promise?

But we learned that David did not take matters into his own hands. Instead, he waited with much patience for God's right timing for him to be king.

David Finally Made King of Israel

When did David eventually become king of Israel? After King Saul and most of his sons were killed in battle, Saul's

son Ishbosheth took over as king of Israel, while the tribe of Judah made David their king.

David lived in Hebron [show students on the map of Israel] and ruled over the tribe of Judah for seven and a half years. Later on, two men who were captains in Saul's army murdered Ishbosheth and brought his head to David, thinking David would be glad. But David was angry that they had killed Ishbosheth, who was a good man, and punished the two murderers by putting them to death.

Because of Ishbosheth's death, the remaining eleven tribes no longer had a king. They came to see David and made David their king; he was now the king over all Israel.

David Captures the City of Jerusalem

One of the first things David did after he became king over all Israel was to capture the city of Jerusalem, where the Jebusites lived [show students on the map of Israel].

When David came with his army to attack Jerusalem,

the Jebusites were sure he could not get in. They shouted, "You'll never get in here! Our city is so well-protected that even our blind and crippled people could keep you out!"

David responded, "Those blind and crippled Jebusites hate me, and they say that they can keep us out! Go through the water tunnel and attack them!" So David did capture the city, which at that time was called the Walled City of Zion. David then moved to Jerusalem, renamed it as David's City, and built up its walls..

David was thirty years old when God made him king, and he ruled for a total of forty years. Because God was with David, his kingdom kept growing stronger and became so popular that even King Hiram of Tyre sent high officials, skilled tradesmen, and cedar logs to help David build a palace.

But David knew that it was the Lord who had made him king over Israel and the nation famous.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. **What other things did David do while he waited for God's promise?** He played the harp and was an armor bearer, the champion of the Israelites, and a man on the run.
2. **After Saul died, which of his sons became king over the 11 tribes of Israel?** Ishbosheth.
3. **When David was living in Hebron, which tribe did he rule over?** Judah.
4. **Which city did David capture and make his own?** Jerusalem.
5. **Which two types of people did the Jebusites say would keep David out of the city?** The blind and the lame.
6. **Who made David king over Israel and the nation famous?** The Lord.
7. **Why do you think David didn't become king right away?** God had His timing for David.

MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

"For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous." (Psalm 5:12a)

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. "For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous." (Psalm 5:12a)
2. False; he had 7 brothers.
3. False; they thought the blind and lame could keep David out.
4. True
5. Hebron
6. 30
7. Hiram
8. D
9. B
10. B
11. God fulfilled His promise, and David patiently waited for God's blessings and always did the right thing.

SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

To receive God's blessings, we always need to choose to do what is right in God's eyes.

Materials

- One piece of colored paper for each student
- Colored pencils

Instructions

1. Give each student a piece of colored paper.
2. Using a dark colored pencil, write the big heading: "GOD wants me"
3. Ask the students to fold the paper in half lengthwise to make a line down the middle of the paper.
4. Write on the left side of the paper: "TO..."
5. Write on the right side of the paper: "NOT TO..."
6. On the board, write each of the following scenarios and ask the students to put them on the correct side of the paper.

The scenarios are:

1. Tell Mom or Dad that I finished my homework when I actually haven't.
2. Say a prayer every night before I go to sleep.
3. Ignore a new classmate at school or church and only talk to my friends.
4. Be very noisy, jump, or run around when I am in the church.
5. Listen to Mom or Dad when they tell me to stop watching TV and go to bed.
6. Take money out of Dad's wallet when he is not looking.
7. Fight and argue with my brothers and/or sisters.
8. Say "hello" to my teachers at school or church.
9. Help Mom and Dad to tidy up the house.
10. Come to church for Sabbath even though a friend invited me to go to a birthday party.

Students, how will God bless us when we choose to do the right thing? Let's turn to Psalm 1:3. [Ask the students to turn to Psalm 1:3 and read the verse aloud.]

"He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper."

Ask the students to draw the picture of Psalm 1:3 in the "God wants me TO..." area of the paper (e.g., a picture of a fruitful tree with green leaves by rivers of water). God will bless our lives so that we are like this tree, which will continue to grow tall and strong.

God wants me	
TO...	NOT TO...

ACTIVITIES

1**From a Shepherd to a King****Instructions**

David went through a lot before he became king. Write down the missing words. See if you can trace back to when these things happened to David.

1. David was a _____ boy.
2. David brought food to the battleground for his _____.
3. David killed a giant named _____.
4. David played the _____ for King _____.
5. David and _____ were best friends.
6. David _____ away from King Saul.
7. David did not _____ King Saul even though he could have.
8. David became the king of _____.

2**Connect the Dots Review**

Objective: To help the students review for the upcoming final test.

Materials

- Two copies of the connect-the-dots puzzle (one for each team)
- One pencil for each team
- One copy of the final test

Instructions

1. Divide the students into two teams. Give each team a connect-the-dots puzzle and a pencil. Choose a student to answer a question from the final test. If he answers correctly, he may connect a line on the puzzle. If he answers incorrectly, a member of the other team may answer the question. If that player answers the question correctly, he may connect a line on his team's puzzle.
2. Continue asking questions while alternating teams until one team has completed their puzzle.
3. Be sure to give a final question to the second team at the end of the game to give each team an equal number of chances. Repeat questions as needed until one team has completed its puzzle. The first team to finish the puzzle wins.

Answers for Activity 1

1. shepherd
2. brothers
3. Goliath
4. harp, Saul
5. Jonathan
6. ran
7. kill
8. Israel



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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Truth: The Lord blesses those who persevere in doing His will.

Lesson Objective: To always do what is right and patiently wait for God's blessings.

Bible Reading: Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a checkmark in the space provided on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Reading							
Prayer							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(Psalm 5:12a)

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Homework Assignment

Understanding What You Have Learned

Write down the memory verse for this week.

1. _____

True or False

2. David had eight brothers and he was the youngest in the family. _____
3. The Jebusites thought that Jerusalem was so well-protected that even the deaf and mute could keep King David out. _____
4. After King David captured Jerusalem, the city was also known as David's City. _____

Fill In the Blank

5. When David became king over Judah, he was living in _____.
6. King David was _____ years old when he became king.
7. After David became king over Israel, King _____ of Tyre sent cedar logs for King David to build his palace.

Multiple Choice

8. _____ : Before David became a king, he was also a _____.
 - a. Shepherd boy
 - b. Talented musician
 - c. Man on the run
 - d. All of the above
9. _____ : Who lived in Jerusalem before King David captured the city?
 - a. Philistines
 - b. Jebusites
 - c. Hittites
10. _____ : How did King David capture Jerusalem with God's help?
 - a. He burnt down the city wall.
 - b. He went through the water tunnels.
 - c. He found a hidden underground tunnel into the city.

Short Answer

11. Why was David able to become king over all Israel?
