



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-6
2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

LAST WEEK

After the people of Israel have settled in the Promised Land, a non-Israelite foreigner, Ruth, shows love and loyalty to her mother-in-law, despite the great risk to herself (Ruth 1:1-17 [4:13-17]).

THIS WEEK—10/25 & 10/29

Ruth's faith and loyalty are passed down to her great-grandson, the most famous, and faithful, king of Israel: David (2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150).

STORY SUMMARY

The anointing of David comes after a time of trial for the people of Israel. They have been struggling to create their own kingdom under their first king, Saul. But Saul's inability to remain faithful jeopardized the stability of the nation. God next chooses David as king. David, a shepherd boy and the youngest of his brothers, is a rather unexpected choice. However, when God elevates the humble David to the status of king, it also marks the elevation of Israel from a loosely knit group of clans into a true national power. Bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem further cements Israel's glory

PRACTICE: WORSHIP

When the Ark of the Covenant came back to Jerusalem, David worshipped God with his whole self, dancing before the entire nation of Israel. He was not embarrassed, and he allowed himself to fully express his love and gratitude to God. God calls us to

THE POINT

A good leader serves God and the people.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The Desert to the Kingdom

A lot happens in the time period between the exodus and today's story. After Moses led the people out of Egypt, they received the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. The Israelites then wandered for forty years in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. After Moses died, Joshua became the leader of Israel. Joshua led the people to conquer and settle the land. After Joshua, God raised up leaders (judges) to save Israel from nations who conquered and oppressed the people. Later, the people of Israel asked for a king. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul to be the first king of Israel. Saul became a corrupt king. Samuel then anointed David to be the next king.

UP & COMING:

*One way that we can serve other people is by sharing what we have. This month we are encouraging families to help us fill up the crates for the food bank.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme, Responding to God's Love?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Day 1—Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

David becomes king.

Play some upbeat music and do a celebratory dance together. Talk about the things for which you are grateful.

Day 2—Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

David instructs Solomon.

Make some crowns out of construction paper and tape and pretend to be rulers. What would you do if you could rule over everybody?

Day 3 —Read 1 Kings 3:3-14

The source of Solomon's wisdom.

Wrap a box in giftwrap and give it to your child. Ask them what they would ask for if they could have anything they wanted. Why would they make that choice?

Day 4 —Read 1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon solves a dispute.

Act out this story. How would you have solved this situation?

Day 5 —Read 1 Kings 4:29-34

Solomon's fame.

Name one person that you think is wise. Why do you feel this way?

Day 6 —Read 1 Kings 9:1-9

The Lord speaks to Solomon again.

Using blocks or paper and markers, build or draw a temple.

Day 7 —Read 1 Kings 11:1-13

Solomon's fall from faithfulness.

Think of a mistake that you have made. Pray together, thanking God for forgiveness.