



THE STORY OF DAVID

DAVID BECOMES KING

2 SAMUEL 5

GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand that with God on our side, we can do anything.

WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Anoint:** to choose or designate one

MEMORY VERSES

- ▶ **2 Samuel 5:10:** "And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him."

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read 2 Samuel 5:** After Saul died, the leaders of Israel met David and anointed him king over all of Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled Israel for 40 years. After becoming king, David took his men to Jerusalem to drive out the Jebusites who lived there. When he arrived, they were confident that David could not break through their defenses. They taunted him and told him that even the blind and the lame could keep him from entering the city. David defeated the Jebusites and took control of the city. David made Jerusalem his home and called it the City of David. He developed the city from the outside walls and terraces inward to the center of the city. David grew stronger and stronger because he knew that the Lord was with him. The king of Tyre sent cedar timbers, carpenters, and masons to build David a home. David took this as a sign that God had confirmed his kingship over the people of Israel. David married more women and had more children. When the Philistines learned that David was made king, they began to search for him. David learned of their plans and went to the stronghold. David prayed to God about what to do, and God told him that He was with him and that he should attack the Philistines because he would bring David victory. After that defeat, the Philistines came back, and David repeated his prayer. This time God told him to circle around the Philistine army and wait in a grove of trees. God told David to wait until he heard the sound of shuffling in the trees before starting his attack. David followed the Lord's instructions, and they defeated the Philistine army.



SUGGESTIONS

- **Trust in God's timing:** Even though David was anointed king at a young age, he had to wait until the time God had chosen to receive what God had promised.
- **Trust in God's strength:** As David drove out the Philistines from Israel, he did so not by his own strength but by the strength of God.
- **Trust in God's plan:** As David moved forward, he obeyed and followed God's instructions. David's success came from his willingness to seek out God's instructions and then obediently follow God's leading.

PRE-LESSON ACTIVITY

Ages 5-7 **King Me!** | **Supplies:** yellow construction paper; scissors; tape, glue, or staples; decorating supplies

Give each student a piece of construction paper and have them cut out a zig zag pattern at the top of the piece of construction paper. On one side of the paper, have them write "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." On the other side of the paper, let them decorate the paper however they want. Secure the ends of the paper with tape, glue, or staples to make a crown.



MEMORY

VERSE

MEANING

POST-LESSON

ACTIVITY

TAKE

HOME



2 Samuel 5:10: Our confidence and strength is not based on our own abilities but on those of the Lord's.

Philippians 4:13: There is nothing we cannot do with God on our side.



Ages 5-10 **Come At Us, Philistines!**

Play Red Rover. Assign one side to be the Israelites and the other to be the Philistines.



- **Trusting in God's timing:** Even though David was anointed king at a young age, he had to wait until the time God had chosen to receive what God had promised. It's hard to wait for things we want, and especially things we have been promised. God's timing is perfect, and we will receive all the blessings God has in store for us when the time is right.
- **Trusting in God's Strength:** No matter how strong we are, we will face challenges in this life we do not have the strength to make it through on our own. Thank goodness we weren't meant to handle them by ourselves! There is nothing God isn't strong enough to overcome.
- **Trusting in God's Plan:** God's plan is the best path for our lives. If we seek directions from Him, we can be sure to stay on the right path.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What did David and the leaders of Israel do in the presence of God?

A1: In the presence of God, David and the leaders of Israel made a treaty.

Q1b: What is your dream job?

Teacher's Note: Let students answer. God has a plan for our lives, and he has given us all talents that will help to make us successful in our pursuit of that plan. Often, our dream jobs have to do with things we know we are good at, which means we're probably heading in the direction God planned for us from the beginning!

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How old was David when he was made king of Israel?

A2: David was 30 years old when he was made king of Israel.

Q2b: Have you ever accomplished something that people said you couldn't do?

TN: Let the students answer. Even if we don't have a story of such an accomplishment, we can look to the life of David to inspire us to take on the big challenges that present themselves in our lives, even if they seem hard and people discourage us from trying. David saw a lot of big challenges in his life, but he knew that God was bigger than anything that would come his way. David lived a remarkable life because he trusted in God. We can do the same.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: What did David call Jerusalem?

A3: David called Jerusalem the City of David.

Q3b: If you were the leader of a whole city, what would you name it?

TN: Let the students answer. Would we name it after ourselves? Would we make up a silly word? The city's name is really Jerusalem, so the City of David is more of a nickname. It might seem a bit conceited of David to have named the city after himself, but this city is still known by this nickname because David was a great leader.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What did David take as a sign that God had confirmed him as king?

A4: When the king of Tyre sent materials to build a house for him, David took that as a sign.

Q4b: Can you tell who is a better leader of people based on how big his or her house is?

TN: No, the size of people's houses has nothing to do with how well they do their jobs and the quality of their leadership. Just because the White House is bigger than the homes of other countries' leaders doesn't mean that the President of the United States is a better leader or the other way around. David saw the house building as a sign that he was being given prominence as a leader. The pride he likely felt in this moment wasn't for himself, but for his nation and his people. Being seen as important by other countries meant that David and the people of Israel were building a reputation. It meant that they were gaining friends to help them in case they were in need or under attack.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: Where did David go when he heard that the Philistines were searching for him?

A5: David went to the stronghold when he heard that the Philistines were searching for him.

Q5b: Which is a better place to play hide and seek: a big open field with no trees or a warehouse filled with shelves and boxes?

TN: If we could play hide and seek in a warehouse full of shelves and boxes, we might never be found! It would be so much easier to find a good spot to hide in there, whereas the open field with no trees just leaves us out in the open. That doesn't sound like a very fun game. When David heard that the Philistines were coming to fight him, he went to the place where he stood the best odds to win.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: David said that the Lord broke through his enemies like what?

A6: David said that the Lord broke through his enemies like a flood of water.

Q6b: Can you go up a water slide?

TN: Depending on how much water is coming down the slide, it could be done, but it would be difficult. But going up a water slide isn't really what a water slide is for—going down a water slide is meant to be fun. The force of the water shoots us down the slippery slide into a pool of water. The nature of water is to rush down to its destination, taking anything that gets caught up in its flow. God's nature is to love us, protect us, and provide for us. When the Philistines threatened David, he prayed and asked for wisdom and protection, and God provided both because He loved David, just as He loves us.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 7



Q7a: The Lord told David to listen for what before attacking the Philistines?

A7: The Lord told David to listen for a shuffling in the trees before attacking the Philistines.

Q7b: What would you try if you knew you couldn't fail?

TN: Let the students answer. Well, if what we want to do aligns with God's plan for our lives, then we should give this thing a shot! That's not to say that we won't fail. Sometimes, our plans don't work out, but that doesn't mean God won't help us through that failure. We can learn from our mistakes and try again. As long as we are listening for God, and we're working toward His goals for our lives, everything will work out for us.



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BIG IDEA

- ▶ When God is with us, anything is possible.
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CLOSING PRAYER

- ▶ Father God, thank You for Your faithfulness. Thank You for giving us the strength we need to face the challenges in this life and the wisdom to know how to handle them. Help us to seek Your instruction when we are in times of trouble. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 1



Sometime after Saul's death, all the tribes of Israel approached David in Hebron and said, "When Saul was our king, you were the one who really ran the country. Even then, God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you'll be the prince.'" In the presence of God, David made a treaty with all the leaders of Israel, and they anointed David as their king.

SLIDE 2



David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for 40 years. David and his men immediately set out for Jerusalem to take on the Jebusites who lived there. When they arrived, the Jebusites mocked David and said, "You should go home! Even the blind and the lame could keep you out. You can't get in here!" They had convinced themselves that David couldn't break through.

SLIDE 3



But David went right ahead and captured the fortress of Zion, known ever since as the City of David. David made the fortress city his home and developed it from the outside terraces inward. David grew greater and stronger because God, the Lord of the Army of Angels, was with him.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 4



Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messengers to David, along with timbers of cedar, carpenters, and masons to build a house for David. David took this as a sign that God had confirmed him as king of Israel, giving his kingship world prominence for the sake of Israel, his people. David took on more concubines and wives from Jerusalem after he left Hebron. And more sons and daughters were born to him.

SLIDE 5



When the Philistines got word that David had been made king over all Israel, they started searching for him. David heard of their plans and went down to the stronghold. When the Philistines arrived, they deployed their forces in the Valley of Rephaim.

SLIDE 6



David prayed to God asking if he should fight the Philistines and whether the Lord would help him to defeat this enemy. The Lord replied, "Go up. Count on me. I'll help you beat them." David then went straight to where the Philistines were and smashed them to pieces. Afterward, David said, "God broke through my enemies like a flood of water." Because of this, David named the location of his great victory Baal-perazim, which means "Lord of breaking through." As the Philistines fled, they left their idols behind, and David and his soldiers took them away.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 7



Later, the Philistines came up again and deployed their troops in the Rephaim Valley. David again prayed to God, but this time, God said, “Don’t attack them head-on. Instead, circle around behind them and ambush them from the grove of sacred trees. When you hear the sound of shuffling in the trees, get ready to move out. It’s a signal that I am going ahead of you to strike down the Philistine camp.” David did exactly what God told him, and he defeated the Philistines across a large strip of land.