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DAVID, AFTER GOD'S HEART

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about following after God's Heart

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 Sam 16:1-13

CLASS PLAN

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STORY

Last Sunday, we spoke about Passion. Who remembers what it means? Following after God's heart. God is a God of Passion. And when we have His heart, we become people of passion.

This week onwards, we will look at the life of someone special who followed after God's heart. Can you guess who he is? His name is David.

What do you know about David?

He was a shepherd boy. He became a king of Israel.

How did a shepherd boy become a king? Let's follow his story from the beginning.

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 1 SAM 16:1-13

Story-telling idea for younger kids:

- <http://lettheirlightshine.com/2014/02/06/k-is-for-king-david/>
- print the brothers onto a large piece of paper and fold the paper accordion style so that 1 brother on 1 pleat, then unfold the accordion pleat by pleat as you tell the story
- have a clothes line and have the kids peg each brother on the line as you tell the story)

BACKGROUND (for older kids)

When God brought the Israelites out from Egypt and the nation was formed, God was their only king.

God spoke to the people through prophets, and there were judges to govern the people. One of these judges and prophets was called Samuel.

But the Israelites were not happy. They saw the other countries' kings. And they told Samuel, "We want a (human) king also!"

So the people chose a tall, strong, handsome king called Saul.

But Saul had **NO HEART** for God. He wanted to do things his own way and didn't want to follow God. So God rejected him.

Samuel was very sad.



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SAMUEL ANNOINTS DAVID

God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem to the house of a man called Jesse. God said that He had chosen one of Jesse's sons, and Samuel was to anoint him as king of Israel — this king will be one who has a **WHOLE HEART** for God.

What is "anoint"? (bring a bottle of oil or a ram's horn, if you hv, to show the kids)

In Bible times, anointing someone (usually by pouring oil on the head) is a symbolic act for choosing someone to be a leader (king, priest, prophets etc. It's also a picture of God giving the Holy Spirit to the chosen person

Samuel went to see a man called Jesse. Jesse had 8 sons. One of them would be king. But which one?

Samuel sees Jesse's first son, Eliab — he was tall and good looking. "Surely this is the king God has chosen," he thinks. But no. God tells Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Son #2 comes up, Abinadab. God said No.

Son #3, Shammah. God said No.

Son #4, No. #5, No. #6, No. #7, No, no, no!

This was getting a bit frustrating, especially for Samuel. God said he has chosen one of Jesse's sons to be king, but He had rejected all 7 of them already! Samuel turns to Jesse and asks, "Do you have any more sons?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

"Send for him." Samuel says.

And in comes a young boy. David. And God said ... "Yes!"

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in front of all his brothers, and the Spirit of God came upon him that day.



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LESSON

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

"People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Sam 16:7)

David's 7 brothers were all physically strong (soldiers) and good looking; they'd be good potential kings. But God wasn't interested in how big and strong they were.

It's natural to look at physical appearances — e.g. tall person good for basketball — but God is more interested in the heart — one that wants to follow God's heart and mind.

"THERE IS STILL THE YOUNGEST"

David's father didn't think much about him. He did not mention him by name; he didn't call him to meet with Samuel. He was just the little kid helping to take care of the sheep.

But God knew David by name. He chooses the unlikely people to do His work so that everyone will know that it is God who is doing the work through them.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME POWERFULLY UPON DAVID"

When Samuel anointed David with the oil, God's Holy Spirit came and rested on David to mark him as God's chosen one. David became a good king who followed after God's heart all his days.

When Jesus (a descendent of David) was baptized on earth, the Holy Spirit came upon Him to show that He was God's chosen one who would be the Forever King for God's people. When we believe in Jesus, we also are anointed with/have God's Holy Spirit in us.

(In those days, under the Old Covenant, the Holy Spirit came and went from people — God removed His Spirit from Saul — but today, under the New Covenant, when the Holy Spirit comes on us, He lives in us forever!

JESUS FOLLOWED GOD'S HEART

When Jesus was on earth, He came down with a very specific mission — to take the sins of the world upon Him on the Cross. It was a very painful and tortuous death. Jesus could have said "NO!" But because He loved us so passionately, even though He suffered in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, He still told God, "Not my will, but yours be done!" (Luke 22:42)



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share and pray for each other.

CRAFT SUGGESTIONS

Paper Crown with Heart and words "God looks at the heart"



MEMORY VERSE

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

(1 Sam 16:7)

Large picture of ram's horn with memory verse on it. Cut it out, hide it around the room (optional), get kids to arrange pieces together to form the memory verse and read together.

THEME SONG: PASSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onIFBUSUdxk>

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(1 Sam 16:7)**





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DAVID, GIANT SLAYER

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about focusing on how **BIG** their God is

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1 Sam 17

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STORY

Last Sunday, we learned about a passionate young man who was anointed King. What's his name? *David*. Even though David was the youngest, the most insignificant and "just a shepherd boy", God saw that David had His heart, and God chose David to be King. Let's continue his story.

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 1 SAM 17

You can choose a video or get kids to act it out etc. Make it fun and engage the kids in it!

THE ISRAELITES FOCUSED ON THE GIANT

Goliath was a tall, strong man. He was the champion of the Philistines — Israel's enemy. Day and night, he'd shout threats at the Israelite army. "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."

Every time Goliath roared, the Israelites were terrified. They forgot that they had a bigger Champion on their side — God.

DAVID FOCUSED ON GOD

David focused on the size of His God, not Goliath. He knew that God had already given Him the victory. When David heard Goliath's threats, he said, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Goliath said he was defying the "armies of Israel", but David knew he was really trying to defy the "armies of the living God". David told Saul, "Don't lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him". David remembered all that God had done for him in the past — when he was faced with the lion and the bear. And he knew that God will go with him to face Goliath.

GOD GAVE DAVID THE VICTORY!

David didn't just go into the field with his slingshot and five stones. He went with the Lord, and it was the Lord who gave him the victory.

1 Sam 17:47 *"All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."*

David defeated and killed Goliath. The Philistines turned and ran. The Israelites chased them and plundered their camp.



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LESSON

JESUS, OUR GIANT SLAYER

In this story, we are reminded of what Jesus has done for us.

DAVID	JESUS
A Shepherd who became King	Our Good Shepherd & King of kings
Destroyed Goliath using Goliath's own sword	Destroyed Satan using Satan's own weapon (death)
Won the victory for Israel	Won the victory for the whole world
The Israelites plundered the Philistines	We receive all of God's blessings

JESUS IS BIGGER THAN OUR GIANTS!

What giants are you facing? *Fear of darkness, sickness, bullies etc.*

Don't focus on our giants (problems). Remember, Jesus is bigger than all of the giants in our lives.

When we are afraid or faced with a difficult challenge, always look back to the Cross — where Jesus won the greatest victory of all!

Illustration idea: *Paste some mah-jong paper on the wall and draw a large giant silhouette on it. Write down the "giants" the kids mention (or think of a few yourself). Prepare a large red cross and later stick it over the giant to say that Jesus is bigger than our giants.*

MEMORY VERSE

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share about the giants we face and pray for each other.

SONGS

Only a boy named David

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW2iBYSCSzi> (lyrics and actions)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpajvyyFa3s> (lyrics)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVbOI5IbEH4> (acting)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PFW94CnN5M> (illustration+lyrics, but music a bit weird)

GAME

Throw a stone at a giant



CRAFT WITH MEMORY VERSE

THEME SONG: PASSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onIFBUSUdxk>





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DAVID, GOD'S ANOINTED

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about what it means to be God's anointed ones

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STORY

We've been learning about a passionate young man. Who knows his name? *David*.

Even though David was the youngest, the most insignificant and "just a shepherd boy", God saw that David had His heart, and God chose David to be King.

Who was the king at that time? *Saul*

What does "anointed" mean? *Set apart for a special role. Empowered — Holy Spirit comes on that person to give him the power to do the work God prepared for him.*

David went on defeat a great big enemy. Who was that? *Goliath and the Philistines.*

Let's continue his story.

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 1 SAM 18

Get older kids to read the passage from their Bibles.

KING SAUL

- **Rejected:**

King Saul had been anointed by Samuel. But he disobeyed God, so God rejected him, and His spirit/anointing left Saul

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul. (vs 12).

(Under the Old Covenant, God's Spirit would move from person to person; under New Covenant, God's Spirit stays in us forever!)

- **Jealous and insecure:**

After David killed Goliath, David became a hero and had many more successes on the battlefield. The women of Israel would welcome him with dancing and singing: *"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."* This made Saul very jealous! (vs 7)

When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. (vs 15)

- **Tormented:**

After God's Holy Spirit left Saul, Saul would be tormented by an evil spirit — only David's playing of the lyre (harp) would make him feel better. But even then, the evil spirit made Saul throw a spear at David (not once ... but twice!) and try to kill him.



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- **Murderous:**

Besides throwing the spear, Saul also tried to think of other ways to get rid of David — he offered his daughter, Michal's, to David as his wife in return for killing 100 Philistines — *Saul's plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines. (vs 25)*

Can you imagine what is it like to be David? Having the most powerful man in the land, the King of Israel, trying to destroy you at every turn? But David was the anointed one — God was with him. **God was bigger than the giant (Goliath). And God was bigger than Saul.**

DAVID

- **Successful:**

Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. (vs 5)

n everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him. (vs 14)

- **Protected:**

Twice, Saul threw a spear at David. Twice, David escaped unharmed. Even when Saul sent David to kill 100 Philistines in order to marry his daughter, David managed to kill 200 Philistines in the time frame!

- **Loved:** David was loved by:

the people of Israel and Judah (vs 16) because he was their hero

Jonathan, son of Saul

Michal, daughter of Saul



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LESSON

DAVID WAS GOD'S ANOINTED

He was loved, protected and successful in all he did. Despite all Saul's evil intentions, Saul could not harm David.

When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days. (vs 28-29)

David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known. (vs 30).

BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE ARE ALSO GOD'S ANOINTED

So we don't have to live like Saul — jealous, insecure, tormented etc.

We can live like David — knowing that God loves us, He protects us and will grant us success in what we do.

MEMORY VERSE

1 Sam 18:14 *"In everything David did he had great success, because the Lord was with him."*



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DAVID, GOD'S ANOINTED

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share and thank God for His love, protection and favour/success.

THEME SONG: PASSION

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WORKSHEET (below)

For older kids



Name: _____

1. An _____ came upon Saul (18:10)
2. David's job in Saul's house (18:10) _____
3. The women sang of Saul killing _____ (18:7)
4. The women sang of David killing _____ (18:7)
5. _____ was the prophet who anointed David (19:18)
6. _____ was Saul's daughter who loved David (18:20)
7. Saul tried to kill David using a _____ (18:10)
8. For his daughter's hand in marriage, Saul asked for _____ (18:25)
9. David gave Saul _____ for his daughter (18:27)

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| 100 Philistines | Thousands | Evil spirit | Tens of thousands | |
| 200 Philistines | Michal | Playing the harp | Samuel | Spear |

10. Memory Verse:

1 Sam 18:14 "In _____ did, he had _____,
because _____."



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DAVID HAS A GOOD FRIEND

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about who their best friend is.

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1 Sam 20

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DAVID HAS A GOOD FRIEND

STORY

Last week we learnt about David & Saul.

Who was David? *A shepherd boy who was chosen by God to be King*

Who was Saul? *The king of Israel whom God rejected; jealous of David; tried to get rid of him*

What was the lesson? *In everything David did he had great success, because the Lord was with him.*

Today we're going to learn about someone who became best friends with David. His name was Jonathan.

JONATHAN

Jonathan was Saul's son. When Saul died, Jonathan was supposed to be the next king. But instead of being jealous like his father, Jonathan loved David and protected him against his own father.

JONATHAN + DAVID: BFFs

- One in spirit
- Loved as himself
- **1 Sam 18:1, 3-4** *Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.*



LESSON

JONATHAN: A PICTURE OF JESUS

Jonathan's life is a picture of the true friendship we have in Jesus — loyal, dedicated, sacrificial.

1. MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID

A marriage relationship between husband and wife is also a type of covenant — 2 lives becoming one until death; symbolised by the exchanging of rings.

So in making a covenant with David, Jonathan was saying: "My life is yours; your life is mine. Till death do us part."

They also exchanged belongings (robe, tunic) and weapons (bow, sword), symbolising "what is mine is yours." [can get kids to role play this out]

2. LAID ASIDE HIS POSITION AS HEIR

Jonathan was the successor to Saul's throne; but he recognised that David was God's chosen one, giving David his robe and weapon.

1 Sam 23: 17 *"You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you."*

3. PLACED HIS LIFE ON THE LINE (RISKED HIS LIFE) FOR HIS FRIEND

When Jonathan found out his father wanted to kill David, Jonathan protected David and spoke out in David's defence. This angered Saul so much that Saul also threw a spear at his own son.

1 Sam 20:32-33 *And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?"³³ Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.*

4. ENCOURAGED HIS FRIEND IN THE WILDERNESS

When David ran away and hid because Saul wanted to kill him, Jonathan went to encourage him and reminded him of God's promise that he will be king.

1 Sam 23:15-17 ¹⁵ *While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.* ¹⁶ *And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.* ¹⁷ *"Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."*



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DAVID HAS A GOOD FRIEND

JESUS IS OUR TRUE FRIEND/BFF

1. JESUS MADE A COVENANT WITH US WHEN HE DIED ON THE CROSS

He took our sins and exchanged them with His righteousness.

2. JESUS LAID ASIDE HIS KINGLY POSITION SO WE CAN BECOME GOD'S HEIRS

Jesus — Lord of the universe — gave up everything and came to earth as a baby/man so that we can become children of God

3. JESUS LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

4. JESUS ENCOURAGES US IN OUR TIMES OF NEED

When we are sad or angry or tired, we know that our best friend Jesus is always there to help us.

MEMORY VERSE

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*



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DAVID HAS A GOOD FRIEND

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share about who our best friend is. Thank Jesus for being the bestest friend of all.

THEME SONG: PASSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onIFBUSUdxk>

SONGS

Jesus is my best friend: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pyz537O-aE

Jesus what a friend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPng5FNWDkY>



LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about trusting God's heart.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 Sam 24, 26

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DAVID TRUSTS IN GOD

STORY

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Who was David? *A shepherd boy who was chosen by God to be King*

Who was Saul? *The king of Israel whom God rejected; jealous of David; tried to get rid of him*

David went into hiding, and Saul kept trying to hunt him down.

How did David react?

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 1 SAM 24, 26

Get older kids to read the passage from their Bibles. Younger kids can take turns acting out scenes or playing games, e.g. trying to take a piece of cloth from another person without being noticed etc.

VIDEO

David Spares Saul Twice Bible Animation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JR49zLwr0oY>

These only show 1 Sam 24, but may be easier for younger kids to understand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTbQw4CM4G0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41vnmcocZ1A>



LESSON

DAVID DIDN'T TRUST THE WRONG VOICES

Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" (1 Sam 24:4)

David's men had been hiding with him and they saw this as a perfect opportunity to kill Saul. They even "quoted God" (even though God never told David that).

Even though David was a bit swayed initially, he realised that he shouldn't touch Saul without the Lord's permission and forbade his men from harming Saul.

And he said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. (1 Sam 24:6-7)

DAVID DIDN'T TRUST HIS OWN HAND

Look, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' (1 Sam 24:10)

David could have killed Saul. Instead he only cut off a corner of his robe. He also made a promise to Saul that he will not destroy Saul's family when he became king. Even when Saul went back on his word and pursued David again, David still did not kill him and just took his spear/jug of water when Saul was sleeping.

DAVID ONLY TRUSTED GOD

Ever since David was anointed by Samuel to be the future king of Israel at age 15, it had not been easy for him. He had to kill giants, escape spears and run for his life. In fact, he was 30 years old before he finally ascended the throne (and he spent many of those in-between years running and hiding). He could have felt that God had forgotten about him. But he knew God's timing was the best, and he trusted that God will keep His promises. He knew that God will be the one who defends and avenges him.

"Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you." (1 Sam 24:12)

"As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish." (1 Sam 26:10)



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JESUS TRUSTED ...

NOT THE WRONG VOICES

When Jesus was on earth, his disciples often tried to take matters into their own hands — e.g. trying to call down fire from heaven to destroy a village (Luke 9:54), cutting off the ear of the high priest's servant (John 18:10). Jesus often had to rebuke them. *"You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."*

NOT HIS OWN HAND

Jesus had all the power and strength, but He did not use them for His own gain. The devil tried to tempt him to do that many times, e.g. turning stone to bread, or throwing himself down from the high place (Luke 4). Even when He was hanging on the cross, the soldiers and those around all mocked Him to come down from the cross and save Himself (Mark 15:30). But through it all, the mightiest man on earth humbled and restrained Himself.

BUT IN GOD'S HEART

He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." (Luke 22:41-42)

At the Garden before His impending arrest and crucifixion, Jesus was in agony. Yet, He chose to trust in God's heart because He knew that God's plans were the best. God used the deepest/darkest moments to accomplish His purposes of salvation for the whole world.

We can all learn to trust in God's heart, like David and Jesus.



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share about a time when it was difficult to trust God. Thank Jesus for being the bestest friend of all.

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SONGS

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Jesus what a friend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPng5FNWDkY>

Trust His heart: <https://youtu.be/eLn0cRI-OGE>



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DAVID FOUND STRENGTH IN GOD

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about finding strength in the Lord.

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DAVID FOUND STRENGTH IN GOD

STORY

We've been learning about a passionate young man called David.

Who was David? *A shepherd boy who was chosen by God to be King*

Who was Saul? *The king of Israel whom God rejected; jealous of David; tried to get rid of him*

David and his men went into hiding in the wilderness.

For one period of time, they were allowed to stay in a town called Ziklag. Z-I-K-L-A-G.

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 1 SAM 30

One day, David and his men went out to fight. When they returned to Ziklag, they were shocked. The whole town was on fire!

David learned that the Amalekites had attacked and burned the city.

And that was not the worst part. The Amalekites not only raided the city but also took everyone there captive — their wives and children. David's wives were gone too!

All the men were very sad and cried and cried and cried ... until they had no more strength to cry. They became angry at David too and wanted to stone him to death.

What did David do? Let's read together:

1 Sam 30:6 *But David strengthened himself in the Lord His God.*

David told Abiathar the priest to bring him the ephod. David talked to God and asked Him if he should go after the Amalekites. God told him to find them because David would catch up to the Amalekites and get everyone back.

So David took his men and went after the Amalekites. As they were traveling, they found an Egyptian man in a field. After giving him some bread and water, the man told David that he was from Egypt and was a servant of an Amalekite. He had been left behind when he became sick three days before.

The Egyptian told David of the places they had attacked and that they had burned Ziklag with fire. David asked him if he could take him to the Amalekite troop. The Egyptian said "Promise that you won't kill me or return me to my master. Then, I will take you to them."



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When the Egyptian took David to see the Amalekite troop, they saw them spread out over the land. They were enjoying themselves eating, drinking and dancing. They were happy because of all the captives and spoil (things) they had taken from the lands of Judah and the Philistines.

David and his men attacked the Amalekites from sundown until the next evening. The only ones that escaped were the 400 young men who rode camels and fled. David rescued both of his wives and everyone else was found safe also. All of their animals were recovered and David took them as his spoil.

When they went to look for the Amalekites, David had left 200 of his men behind at a place called Brook Besor. These 200 men had been too tired to go any farther.

Those who went all the way to fight with David discussed among themselves: "These men shouldn't get any of the spoil that we recovered since they did not go with us to the fight. Just give them their women and children!"

But David told them the Lord saved them and protected them against the fight with the Amalekites. They had an agreement that the supplies would be shared by all; whether you fight the battle or take care of the supplies.

When David returned to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to his friends of Judah and the other cities where David and his men had been living. He told them "Here is a present for you."



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LESSON

DAVID STRENGTHENED HIMSELF IN THE LORD

When faced with such a tragedy and loss, it's easy to feel completely hopeless and helpless, like the men who cried and cried and cried. David was sad too, but he did the right thing by going to God. He asked God what to do, and he listened to what God told him.

We can also strengthen ourselves in the Lord. Don't just focus on how big the problem is. Keep our eyes on Jesus and see how big your God is!

Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

DAVID HAD A GOD OF RESTORATION

Whatever they lost, David and his men were able to recover everything.

1 Samuel 30:19 *And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.*

God is a God of Restoration. He gives us victory over the enemy, and His victory is complete and full. Whatever you may have lost, trust God to give you more and better things ahead. After all, He has already given us His Son!

GRACE FOR ALL

When David's men did not want to share the rewards with those who didn't fight, David reminded them that it was God who protected them and God who gave them the victory. So no one can claim credit, and everyone can benefit.

In the same way, Jesus won the victory for us, and Jesus is the One who blessed us with everything we have. His salvation, forgiveness, righteousness etc are all free for us. Nothing was of our own effort. When we realise that, we can freely receive, freely give.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Like David, we can all learn to find strength and grace in Jesus!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups to share about challenges/problems we are facing. Pray for each other to find strength in the Lord.

THEME SONG: PASSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onlFBUSUdxk>

SONGS

Jesus is my best friend: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pyz537O-aE

Jesus what a friend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPng5FNWDkY>

Trust His heart: <https://youtu.be/eLn0cRI-OGE>



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DAVID, THE PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

about what it means to be a passionate worshipper.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

2 Sam 6

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Then one day, Saul and Jonathan were both killed in battle. David was then, finally, made king of Israel. Guess what was one of the first things he wanted to do as king?

TELL THE STORY BASED ON 2 SAM 6

David loved the Lord. He loved to sing and write songs of worship.

David wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem.

Who remembers the Ark?

- The Ark symbolized God's presence.
- The priests carried the Ark into the River Jordan, causing the water to stop, so the Israelites could cross.
- It was lost in battle and captured by the Philistines before, but they returned it to the Israelites. (1 Samuel 5-7:1).
- It stayed in a place called Kirjath-jearim for 20 years.

First Attempt

David tried to bring in the Ark on a cart, carried by oxen.

This was not how God had told the Israelites to carry the Ark. Anyone knows how the Ark should be carried? *On the shoulders of the Levite priests.* Yes, that's right. The Ark represented God's presence, and in David's time, not anybody, even David, could simply touch the Ark.



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Second Attempt

So King David tried again, this time, the right way. On the shoulders of the Levite priests.

There were trumpets and singing and dancing and shouting. All Israel came to see the procession bringing the Ark into the city of Jerusalem. It was a huge celebration.

And right in front of it all was David. Yes, the king of Israel was dancing with all his might! And not just dancing, but dancing almost naked! David had taken off his crown, his majestic robes and fine clothes. He only wore a linen ephod.

Can you imagine our country's king dancing on the streets at our national day parade? Or the king of any country dancing ... naked? It was unheard of. Some may say embarrassing or humiliating for the great king. But David didn't care. He was so happy that he could bring the Ark back to Jerusalem, and he was worshipping God. He was leaping and dancing.

[suggestion: can show this video of David dancing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXeeAOw4yN4>]

The ark was brought into a tabernacle that David had prepared. David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to the Lord. Then he blessed the people and gave them gifts of bread and cakes. And all the people went home after that.

Now, not everybody was as happy as King David. In fact, his own wife, Michal, Saul's daughter, was not enjoying the celebrations with everyone else. She was looking out her window, and she didn't like what she saw. The Bible says she despised David in her heart.

When David returned home, Michal came to him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

But David told his wife, "In GOD's presence, I'll dance all I want! He chose me over your father and the rest of our family and made me prince over GOD's people, over Israel. Oh yes, I'll dance to GOD's glory — more recklessly even than this. And as far as I'm concerned ... I'll gladly look like a fool!"



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LESSON

WE WORSHIP BECAUSE HE IS WITH US ALWAYS

The Ark of the Covenant represents the presence of God to the Israelites. It was like a throne for God to sit on.

The Ark of the Covenant was a box, about 45 inches long, 27 inches deep and 27 inches high, covered in solid gold. On top of the Ark is a gold cover called the "Mercy Seat". There are two winged angels on both ends of the cover. The Ark is kept in the Holy of Holies, the holiest part of the tabernacle, where no one else could enter and no one can touch.



Today, we do not need a box to represent the presence of God. Because He is always with us — His Holy Spirit lives in us forever.

WE WORSHIP BECAUSE WE ARE FORGIVEN

Only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest can enter the Holy of Holies. He would sprinkle the blood of the sacrifices on the lid of the Ark, called the "mercy seat", to atone for the sins of the people. The once-a-year sprinkling of blood would temporarily "cover" the sins of the people.

In his celebrations, David offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before God. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf (that was a lot of steps and cows!)

All these remind us of the Perfect Sacrifice who gave His life wholly and completely as a sacrifice for us. By the shedding of His blood, this Perfect Sacrifice would take away the sins of the whole world. On the cross, Jesus died for us and shed His blood, so that all our sins can be washed away. Because of Jesus' blood, we have peace and fellowship with God today.

WE WORSHIP BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY

How could the mighty King David strip down and dance so passionately on the streets? That's because his focus was not on himself ("*I'm so great! I defeated my enemies!*") but on God — the One deserving of all praise and worship. David knew that everything he had, every victory, every glory, was because of God, not his own intelligence or ability.



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Once we understand and know how good and wonderful Jesus is to us, all that He has done for us, we can respond by giving Him all glory and praise. When we worship, we don't do it for show, we don't have to worry about who is watching or what they are thinking.

When we worship, we should be Christ-focused, not self-conscious.

SO LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS PASSIONATELY!

Just as David and the city of Jerusalem were in celebration when the Ark was brought into Jerusalem, there were huge celebrations when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. People lined the streets and danced and cheered, waving palm branches.

Of course, now we know Jesus came to Jerusalem to die for all of us. He loved us so much, He wanted to give His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be together with God forever and ever.

Now ... isn't that reason for us to dance and celebrate? We can worship and celebrate God's goodness, greatness and holiness! So when we come together every Sunday, let's not fold out arms, or do our own things. Instead, let us sing dance with all our heart like David did, because we worship such as wonderful Saviour, Jesus!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups and share a praise point. Pray for each other.

THEME SONG: PASSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onIFBUSUdxk>

WORSHIP: Every Praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI9M3Wmvns>



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David was finally, made king of Israel.

David brought the Ark back into Jerusalem with worship and sacrifices.

When Jonathan and Saul died, the nurse had carried Jonathan's 5yo son to run away and hide (because she was afraid that the new king will kill all of the former king's family). However, as she was running, the boy fell down and became disabled. (2 Sam 4:4)

His name was Mephibosheth. Can you pronounce it? Meh-fee-bo-sheth

When David became king, he did not forget his covenant with Jonathan.

He asked his servants: *"Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"* (2 Sam 9:1)

Ziba, one of the servants who used to work in Saul's household, replied: *"There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."*

CONTINUE THE STORY OF MEPHIBOSHETH BASED ON 2 SAM 9

(you may get kids to read Scripture/act out etc)



LESSON

ONCE, WE WERE MEPHIBHOSHETH

- “a thing of shame”
- Always fearful — wrong understanding of God’s nature
- Crippled (by sin) from the Fall in both feet
- Orphaned

JESUS IS OUR KING DAVID

KING DAVID	KING JESUS
Called Mephibhosheth by name	Calls us by name
“Do not fear”	Assures us: “Fear not!”
“for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake”	Shows us His kindness on the Cross
“and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather”	Restores to us all that was lost ... and more!
“and you shall eat bread at my table continually.”	Makes us children of the King
“You (Ziba) therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master’s son may have food to eat.”	Gives us a Helper (the Holy Spirit)
“And he was lame in both his feet.”	Jesus’ blood covers all our sins and failings

In one day, Mephibhosheth went from a nobody (“a thing of shame”) to someone who will dine in the King’s palace daily. It was unbelievable! Talk about undeserved favour! Talk about grace!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 3:26 *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

HUDDLE TIME:

Break into small groups and share what it means to be part of God's family. Pray for each other. You may choose to break bread together as children of God.

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