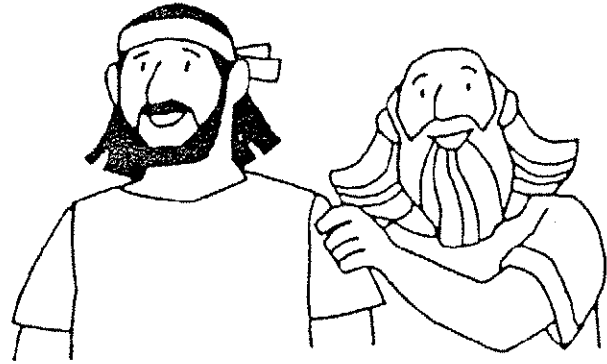


Part 5

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Memory Challenge

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

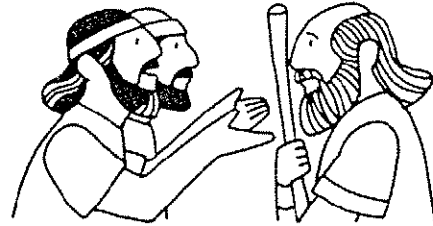
He makes me to lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteous
ness
For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort
me.

You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord
Forever.



I Samuel 8:19-20

"We want a king over us.
Then we will be like all the
other nations, with a king to
lead us and to go out before
us and fight our battles."

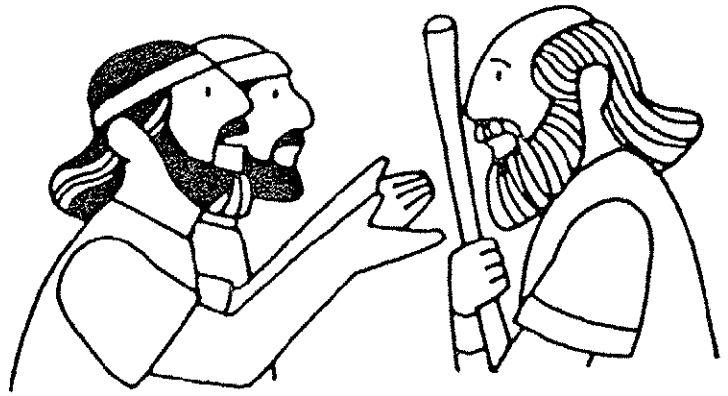


"...But his delight is in the law of the Lord
and on His law he meditates day and night."

Lesson 1

Israel Demands A King

I Samuel 7-8



Read I Samuel 7:1-9

1. How long did the ark of the covenant remain in Kirjath Jearim? _____

2. Why do you think this made the Israelites "lament"? _____

3. What did Samuel say that the Israelites would have to do if they wanted God to deliver them from the Philistines? _____

4. Did the people do what Samuel advised? _____
5. When the children of Israel gathered at Mizpah, what did they do to show God that they were sorry for what they had done? _____

6. What did the Philistines do when they heard that the people were at Mizpah? _____
7. How did the Israelites react? _____
8. What did the Israelites want Samuel to do for them? _____

9. What did Samuel do? _____
10. Did the Lord hear their cry for help? _____



Read I Samuel 7:10-17

Check the correct answer:

1. When the Philistines began to attack the Israelites, the Lord
_____ sent a loud thunder which frightened the Philistines.
_____ sent hailstones down on the Philistines.
2. Samuel set up a stone memorial between Mizpah and Shen
_____ to remind the people that the Lord had helped them.
_____ as a memorial of their great military strength.
3. The Israelites recovered all the cities
_____ which they had removed the idols from.
_____ which the Philistines had taken from them.
4. As Samuel judged Israel, he
_____ stayed in one place.
_____ traveled around the country.

Look at the words in the song *O Thou Fount of Every Blessing*:

*(verse 2) Here I raise my Ebenezer:
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.*

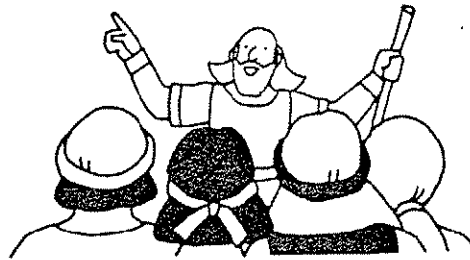
1. What words in this song come from this story in I Samuel 7? _____

2. What does "Ebenezer" mean? _____

3. How can this idea apply to our lives today? _____

4. Do you think that we should give God credit for the success we have in our lives? Give an example. _____

Samuel was the last judge. The people asked for a king like all the nations around them. Samuel was sad. God said they had rejected Him as king. He told Samuel to let them have a king but to warn them of the bad things that would happen.



Read 1 Samuel 8:1-18

Check the things which happened to Samuel as he became old:

- His sons became judges over Israel.
- His sons followed God as Samuel had done.
- His sons took bribes and were dishonest.
- The elders of Israel came to Samuel and told him they wanted a king like the other nations.
- The elders told Samuel that they wanted one of his sons to be the new king.
- It made Samuel unhappy that they had asked for a king.
- God told Samuel that they were not rejecting him but they were rejecting God as their king.
- God told Samuel to warn the people about the dangers of having a king.

Check the things that Samuel told the people that a king would demand of them:

- He would take their sons to be his horsemen.
- He would give everyone more money.
- He would make some people serve in his army.
- He would make some people to work in his fields.
- He would make some people make military equipment.
- He would make everyone's work easier.
- He would take their daughters for his cooks.
- He would take their property for his servants.
- He would take one tenth of everything they produce and give it to his officers.

What's The Meaning?

justice _____



Read 1 Samuel 8:19-22

1. After Samuel gave his warnings, did the people still want a king?

2. What reason did they give for wanting a king? _____

3. Did God finally agree to giving them a king? _____
4. Where did Samuel send the people after this? _____

What Do You Think?

1. Do we ever want things that we don't really need? Give an example. _____
2. Do you ever beg your parents for something for so long that they finally give in and let you have it? Give an example. _____

3. Do your parents ever allow you to do something that you know they really don't want you to do? Give an example. _____

4. Do your parents know what is best for you? _____
5. Do you parents ever warn you of the dangers of doing some thing? Give an example. _____
6. Do you think God knew what was best for the Israelites? Does He know what is best for us? _____

Lesson 2

Saul Becomes Israel's First King

I Samuel 9-10



Read I Samuel 9:1-3

Circle all the words that describe Saul:

Son of Kish

Tribe of Benjamin

Handsome

Very Tall

Soldier

Married



Read I Samuel 9:4-26

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ God told Samuel it was Saul coming.
- _____ Some young women told Saul where to find the man of God.
- _____ Saul ate a meal with Samuel.
- _____ Saul's father sent him to look for their donkeys.
- _____ The servant wanted to find the man of God.
- _____ They met Samuel on his way to the high place.
- _____ Samuel told Saul that they donkeys had been found.
- _____ Saul wanted to give the man of God a gift.



Read I Samuel 9:27-10:8

1. What did Samuel tell Saul to tell his servant? _____

2. What did Samuel do to Saul? _____
3. What did Samuel say the two men would tell Saul? _____

4. What would each of the three young men be carrying when Saul met them? _____

5. What would they give to Saul? _____
6. What would happen when Saul came to where the Philistine garrison was? _____
7. What would happen to Saul at this point? _____

8. Where was Saul to wait for Samuel? _____



Read I Samuel 10:9-16

True/False

- _____ 1. Everything that Samuel had said would happen came to pass on that day.
- _____ 2. The Spirit of God came upon Saul and he prophesied.
- _____ 3. The people that lived there were surprised to see Saul prophesying.
- _____ 4. Saul told his uncle that Samuel had anointed him to be the first king.



Read 1 Samuel 10:17-27



Which verse tells us that . . .

- 1. Samuel reminded the people of everything God had done for them? vs. _____
- 2. Samuel told the people they were rejecting God? vs. _____
- 3. Samuel told all the tribes to come before him? vs. _____
- 4. When Saul's tribe came before Samuel, Saul was hiding around the equipment? vs. _____
- 5. Samuel told the people that God had chosen Saul to be their king? vs. _____
- 6. Samuel sent all the people back to their homes? vs. _____

God's Plan

- 1. How do you think God felt as Samuel announced to the people that Saul would be their first king? _____
- 2. Had God planned for Israel to have a king like the other nations?

- 3. Why do you think he allowed them to have a king? _____

- 4. Does God allow people to make choices even when they are not really what He wants? _____

What's The Meaning?

high place _____

seer _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Using the categories below, write the correct letter of the period for the story.

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. <i>Beginnings of Genesis</i> | B. <i>Exodus from Egypt</i> |
| C. <i>Wilderness Wandering/
Conquests of Canaan</i> | D. <i>Period of Judges</i> |

- _____ Jacob and Esau
- _____ Samson and Delilah
- _____ Moses Receives the Ten Commandments
- _____ Noah and the Flood
- _____ Pharoah and the Ten Plagues
- _____ Abraham Offers Isaac
- _____ Gideon Defeats the Midianites with 300 Men
- _____ The Israelites Cross the Red Sea
- _____ The Walls of Jericho Come Down
- _____ Jephthah Makes a Rash Vow
- _____ Joseph Is Sold into Slavery

Lesson 3

Saul's Victory Over the Ammonites

1 Samuel 11-12



Read 1 Samuel 11:1-15

True/False

- _____ 1. Some Ammonites came to Jabesh Gilead and threatened the Israelites.
- _____ 2. The people of Jabesh Gilead wanted the Ammonites to make a covenant with them.
- _____ 3. The Ammonites said they would put out the right eyes of all the people of Jabesh Gilead to shame Israel.
- _____ 4. The people of Jabesh Gilead agreed to this covenant.
- _____ 5. The people of Jabesh Gilead sent messengers throughout Israel to see if someone would come and help them.
- _____ 6. When Saul heard the news, he was afraid.
- _____ 7. Saul cut up two oxen and sent the pieces throughout Israel.
- _____ 8. Saul said that whoever didn't come to help him would be cut in pieces like the oxen.
- _____ 9. There were not very many people who came to help.
- _____ 10. The Israelites won a great victory over the Ammonites.
- _____ 11. The people went to Gilgal and sacrificed to the Lord.

Now that Saul and his army have defeated the Ammonites, Samuel will remind the people that God is their leader and that He has always protected them. He will encourage them to remain faithful to God and to obey His commandments.



Read 1 Samuel 12:1-15

1. What did Samuel say he had given the people? _____
2. What did Samuel ask the people? _____

3. What was the response of the people? _____

4. Who did Samuel say had brought their fathers out of Egypt? _____

5. Who had the Lord sent when the people of Jacob had cried unto Him in Egypt? _____
6. When other nations oppressed the Israelites, who had the Lord sent to deliver them? _____
7. Even though the judges had always delivered the people, what did they insist on having? _____
8. Who did Samuel say had set the king over the people? _____
9. What did Samuel say the people must do if they wanted the Lord to be with them? _____

10. What did Samuel say would happen if the Israelites did not obey the voice of the Lord? _____



Read I Samuel 12:16-25

Check the correct answer:

1. Samuel told the people that God would
_____ do something great before them.
_____ punish them for wanting a king.
2. During a wheat harvest it usually
_____ rains everyday.
_____ never rains.
3. When God sent thunder and rain the people
_____ were glad because it helped them with their crops.
_____ they were very afraid.
4. The people wanted Samuel to
_____ protect them from the thunder.
_____ pray to God.
5. The people realized that asking for a king
_____ was displeasing to God.
_____ had made God very happy.
6. Samuel told the people that they should
_____ serve the Lord with all their heart.
_____ stop growing wheat at this time of year.
7. Samuel told the people that God had
_____ made them His special people.
_____ forgotten about His people.
8. Samuel said that he would pray for the people and
_____ help them with their crops.
_____ teach them the good way.
10. Samuel said that if they did not obey God
_____ He would sweep them away.
_____ He would destroy their crops.

What's The Meaning?

yoke_____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Find the answers to the questions in the puzzle below:

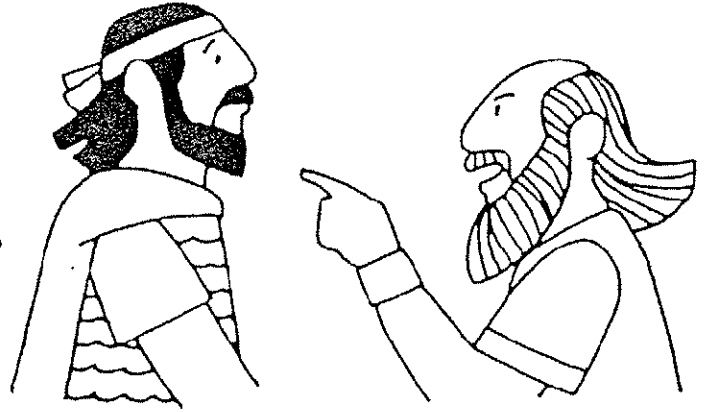
1. Which judge defeated the Midianites with only 300 men?
2. Who deceived his father into giving him the birthright?
3. Who carried the stone tablets of the ten commandments down from Mt. Sinai?
4. Who led the people of Israel after Moses died?
5. Who let two spies out of her window?
6. Who married Ruth after her husband had died?
7. Who promised to give her son to the Lord?
8. Who accompanied Moses when he went before Pharaoh?
9. Who carried a city gate?
10. Who left his home just before the city burned?
11. Who was sold as a slave but became a ruler?
12. Who was nearly sacrificed on an altar?
13. Who lived in the temple with Eli, the priest?
14. Who was anointed as the first king of Israel?

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Lesson 4

Saul Disobey's Samuel's Instructions

I Samuel 13-15



Read I Samuel 13:1-15

Check the correct answer:

1. When Jonathan's army attacked the Philistines, everyone heard that the Philistines
_____ hated the Israelites.
_____ were afraid of the Israelites.
2. When the Philistines gathered against the Israelites, their army was very
_____ large.
_____ small.
3. This made the Israelites very
_____ afraid.
_____ angry.
4. Samuel had told Saul that he would come to offer burnt offerings for the people
_____ when the battle was over.
_____ in seven days.
5. When Samuel didn't come, Saul
_____ told the people to be patient.
_____ offered the sacrifices himself.
6. Because of Saul's disobedience, Samuel said
_____ Saul's kingdom would not continue.
_____ Saul would not defeat any enemies.



Read 1 Samuel 15:1-9

True/False



- _____1. Samuel told Saul that God wanted to punish the Amalekites.
- _____2. Samuel told Saul that he was to destroy everyone but the king.
- _____3. Saul spared a group of people that lived among the Amalekites because they had been kind to the Israelites.
- _____4. Saul didn't kill Agag, the king.
- _____5. Saul killed all the cattle and livestock.
- _____6. Saul destroyed everything that wasn't worth anything.



Read 1 Samuel 15:10-16

- 1. How did God feel about choosing Saul as king? _____
- 2. What had Saul made for himself? _____
- 3. Why do you think he had done this? _____
- 4. When Samuel first met Saul, what did Saul say he had done? _____
- 5. What could Samuel hear? _____
- 6. Who did Saul say had taken the sheep and oxen? _____
- 7. What does verse 9 say? _____
- 8. What did Saul say the people were going to do with the animals? _____



Read I Samuel 15:17-23

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. God had made Saul king? verse _____
2. God had told Saul to fight against the Amalekites until they were destroyed? verse _____
3. It was evil for Saul to take the spoil which God had forbidden? verse _____
4. Saul said the people took from the spoil? verse _____
5. God would rather have obedient people than sacrifices? verse _____
6. God rejected Saul from being king? verse _____



Read I Samuel 15:24-35

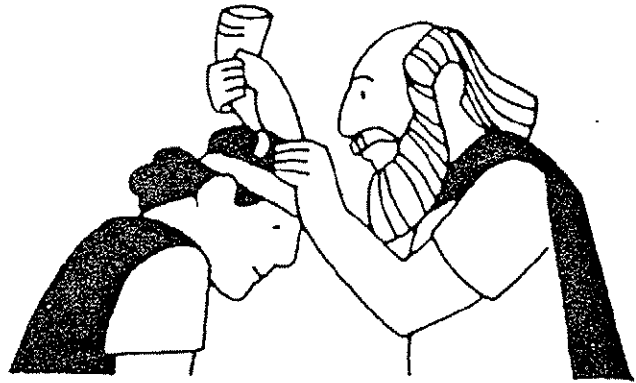
1. What was the reason Saul gave for sparing the animals and the king? _____
2. Why would he have been afraid of the people, wasn't he the king? _____
3. Why do you think Saul wanted Samuel to go with him? _____

4. What did Samuel do to king Agag? _____
5. How did Samuel feel about Saul after all of this? _____

Lesson 5

David Is Chosen As The Next King

I Samuel 16



Read I Samuel 16:1-5

1. Why was Samuel mourning? _____
2. Why had God rejected Saul as king of Israel? _____

3. Had Saul been a good king in defeating the enemies? _____
4. Which is more important - to win battles or to obey the Lord? _____

5. Where was God sending Samuel? _____
6. What would God choose from this family? _____
7. Why did he need his horn filled with oil? _____
8. Why was Samuel afraid? _____
9. When Samuel arrived at the city of Bethlehem, how did the men of the town react? _____
10. Why do you think they were frightened when Samuel came to their city? _____
11. Which family did Samuel invite to the sacrifice? _____



Read I Samuel 16:6-13

True/False

- _____ 1. Samuel expected God to choose Eliab, the oldest son of Jesse.
- _____ 2. God told Samuel to choose the most handsome son.
- _____ 3. God told Samuel to let Jesse suggest which son would make the best king.
- _____ 4. God told Samuel that He looks at a man's heart, not his outward, physical appearance.
- _____ 5. After seven sons were not chosen, they sent for the youngest son, David, who was tending the sheep.
- _____ 6. Samuel anointed David and God was with him.



Read I Samuel 16:14-19

Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks:

- _____ 1. What had left Saul?
- _____ 2. What was troubling Saul?
- _____ 3. What did the servants suggest might help?
- _____ 4. Who did the servants recommend ?
- _____ 5. What did David become?
- _____ 6. How did the harp playing help Saul?

<i>David</i>
<i>Harp-Player</i>
<i>Distressing Spirit</i>
<i>Refreshed</i>
<i>Armor-Bearer</i>
<i>Spirit of the Lord</i>

What's The Meaning?

armor-bearer _____

What Do You Think?

1. How had God felt about letting the people have a king? _____

2. Who had God planned would be their king? _____
3. What kind of a king do you think the people wanted - a great military leader or a God-fearing man? _____
4. Did God give them the type of king they wanted? _____
5. Why do you think it was so important to God that the king of His people obey Him? _____
6. If the king didn't obey God, do you think the people would? Why? _____

7. Why do you think God is more concerned about the inward person, or the heart of a man? _____

8. Do you think God looks at our outward appearance at all? _____

9. Can your outward appearance tell you *something* about your inward person? Give an example. _____

10. Which is more important - for us to be concerned about how we look or how we are inside? _____

Reviewing What You've Learned



Write **SAMUEL** or **SAUL** in the space:

God's servant who anointed kings.

Chosen to be the first king of Israel.

Disobeyed God by offering the sacrifice himself.

Kept the best of the livestock from the Amalekite victory.

Rejected as king for disobeying God.

Grew up in the temple with Eli, the priest.

The last judge of Israel.

Told to go and choose another man to become the next king.

Heard God speaking to him in the middle of the night.

Went with a servant to search for his father's donkeys.

Hacked king Agag to pieces.

Led Israel in a great victory over the Ammonites.

Lesson 6

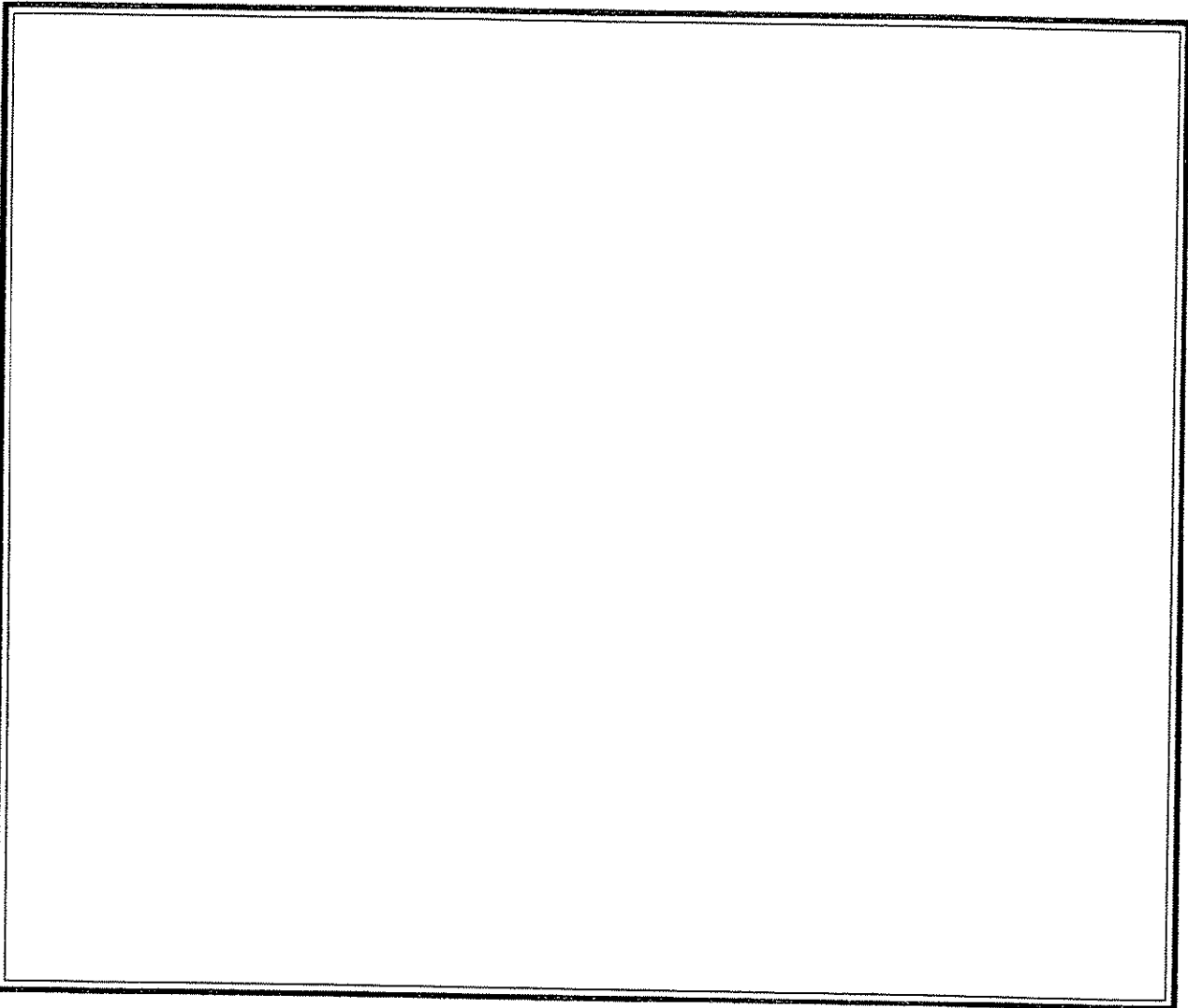
David Kills Goliath

I Samuel 17



Read I Samuel 17:1-10

Draw a picture of the battle challenge issued by the Philistine giant, Goliath. Use a speech bubble for what he said.





Read I Samuel 17:11-19

1. How did Goliath's challenge affect the Israelites? _____

2. What were the names of David's three oldest brothers? _____

3. What were David's three oldest brothers doing? _____

4. How long had the giant been issuing the challenge? _____

3. What did David's father send him to do? _____



Read I Samuel 17:20-39

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ Saul told David that he was too young to fight Goliath.
- _____ David saw Goliath and heard the challenge.
- _____ David told Saul that he would fight the giant.
- _____ David's brother spoke harshly to him for coming to watch the battle.
- _____ David left his father's sheep and went to the battle.
- _____ Saul gave David his armor, but David couldn't wear it.
- _____ David told Saul that the God who delivered him from the lion and the bear would deliver him from Goliath.



Read I Samuel 17:40-58

True/False

- _____ 1. David chose the best of Saul's weapons.
- _____ 2. Goliath ridiculed David.
- _____ 3. David told Goliath that he would fight him in the name of the Lord.
- _____ 4. David told Goliath that he would take his head.
- _____ 5. David told Goliath that God doesn't win battles with swords or spears.
- _____ 6. David took out his bow and arrow and shot it at Goliath.
- _____ 7. David used several stones before he finally struck Goliath.
- _____ 8. David used Goliath's own sword to cut off his head.
- _____ 9. When the Philistines realized that David had killed Goliath, they attacked the Israelites.
- _____ 10. The Israelites chased the Philistines and took what they wanted from their tents.
- _____ 11. Saul wanted to know whose son David was.
- _____ 12. David brought the head of Goliath to Saul.

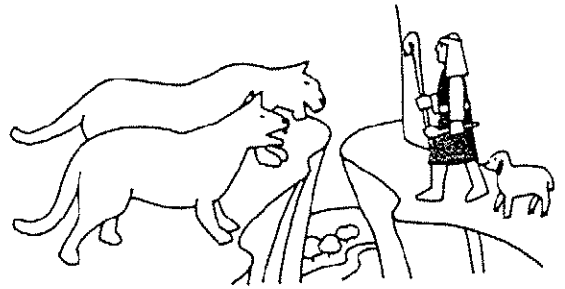
David and The Psalms

David wrote many of the Psalms during different periods of his life. The 23 Psalm reflects his trust in God during the time that he tended his father's sheep. As you learn to say the 23rd Psalm, remember how David must have felt, when he was alone with his flocks. On the next page you will find some pictures that may illustrate some of the ideas.

Memory Challenge Review

Draw a line from the phrases from Psalm 23 below to the pictures that best describe them:

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in
green pastures;



He leads me beside the still
waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of
For His name's sake.



Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they
comfort me.

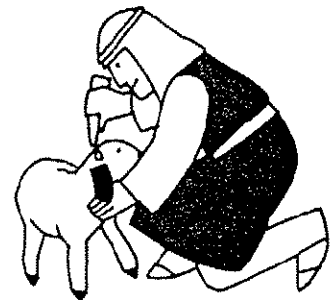


You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my
enemies;



You anoint my head with oil;

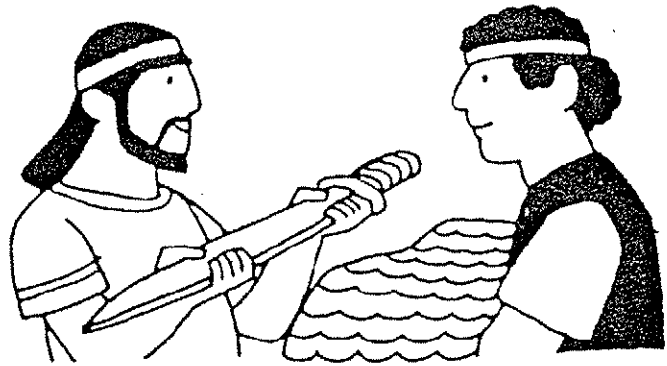
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.



Lesson 7

Saul Resents David's Popularity

I Samuel 18-19



Read I Samuel 18:1-16

1. Who became David's closest friend? _____
2. What did Jonathan give to David? _____

3. What position was David given? _____

4. Did the people respect David? _____
5. What were the women singing? _____

6. How did this make Saul feel? _____
7. What is the meaning of the phrase, "Saul eyed David from that day forward."? _____
8. What did Saul do while David was playing the harp for him? _____

9. Why was Saul afraid of David? _____
10. How did David behave? _____
11. Did David trust in the Lord? _____



Read I Samuel 18:17-21

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. The real reason Saul wanted David to marry his daughter was because he thought he would be more likely to be killed by the Philistines? verse _____
2. David told Saul that he was not worthy to be the king's son-in-law. verse _____
3. Saul's other daughter, Michal, really loved David? verse _____
4. Saul told David again that he wanted him to be his son-in-law. verse _____



Read I Samuel 18:22-30

Check the correct answer:

1. David continued to refuse the king's request for him to be his son-in-law because he didn't
 really love Saul's daughter.
 feel he was worthy.
2. Saul proposed a challenge that he could marry his daughter
 if David killed 100 Philistines.
 if David would pay Saul a great sum of money.
3. Saul's real plan was to
 see if David was truly a great military leader.
 make sure David was killed by the Philistines.
4. When David carried out the challenge and married Michal, Saul
 became more afraid and became David's enemy.
 held a victory celebration and wedding feast.

