

Part 6

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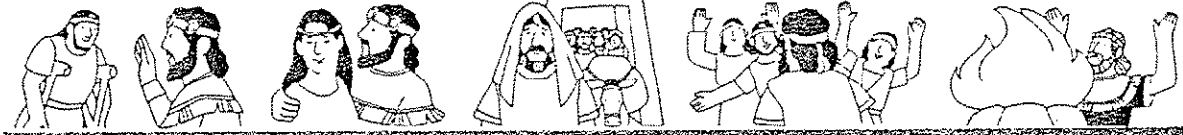
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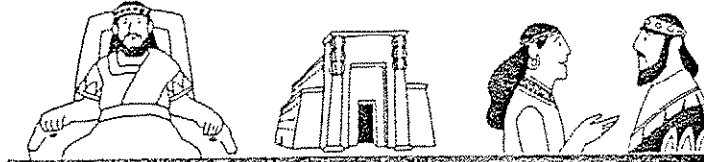
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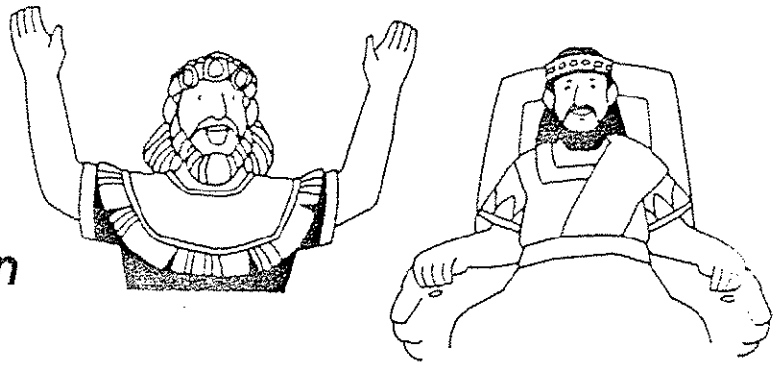
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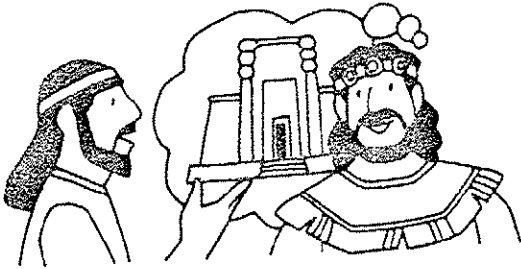


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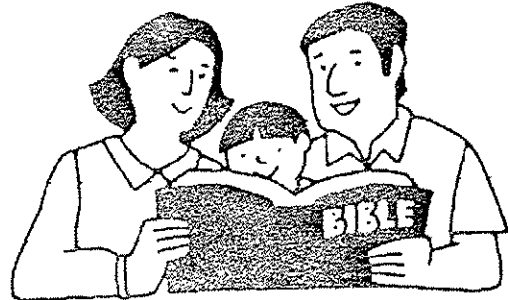
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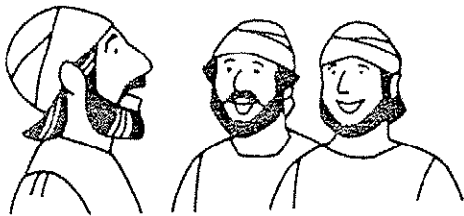
II Samuel 7:12-13

"When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."



Proverbs 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."



Psalms 100:1-2

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing."



I Kings 2:2-3

"Be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies...that you may prosper in all you do."

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

Lesson 1

David Becomes King

II Samuel 1-5
I Chronicles 11:1-3



Read II Samuel 1:1-16

1. Where was David staying when he received the news of Saul and Jonathan's death? _____
2. Who brought the news to David? _____
3. What did the man say that he had done to Saul? _____

4. What did he bring as proof that he was telling the truth? _____

5. Had he really killed Saul? _____
6. Why do you think he thought David would be glad to hear that Saul was dead? _____
7. Was David glad to hear of Saul and Jonathan's death? Why? _____

8. What did David accuse the man of doing? _____

9. What did David order his men to do to this messenger? _____

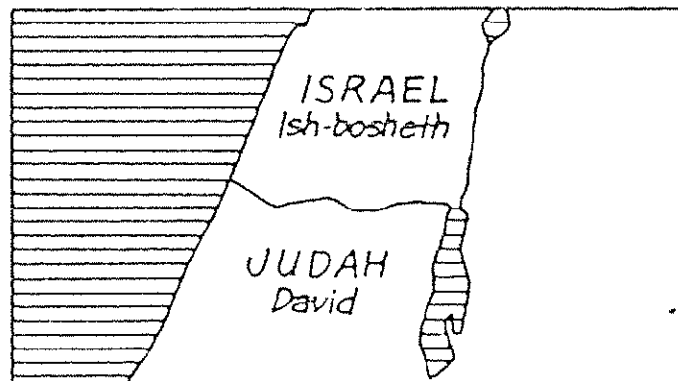
10. What do you think the messenger might have thought David would do to him for killing Saul? _____



Read II Samuel 2:1-11

Check the correct answer:

1. After the death of Saul, David asked God
_____ where he should go.
_____ to protect him from Saul's family.
2. God told David to go to
_____ Egypt.
_____ Hebron.
3. At this point in time, David was accepted as king
_____ only by the tribe of Judah.
_____ by all the tribes of Israel.
4. David sent messengers to Jabesh Gilead to bless them for
_____ protecting him from Saul.
_____ burying Saul and his sons.
5. At the same time that David was reigning in Judah, Abner, the
captain of Saul's army had
_____ made one of Saul's sons, Ishbosheth, king over Israel.
_____ decided to join forces with David.





Read II Samuel 2:12-13 and II Samuel 3:1

Write **David** or **Ishbosheth** (House of Saul) for each answer:

- _____ 1. Abner was the captain of whose army?
- _____ 2. Joab was the captain of whose army?
- _____ 3. Which army had a long war with David?
- _____ 4. Which army grew stronger and stronger?

Eventually, Ishbosheth and Abner were killed and their army was defeated. Now the tribes of Israel will unite and accept David as the king over the entire nation, just as Samuel foretold.



Read II Samuel 5:1-10 and I Chronicles 11:1-3

True/False

- _____ 1. The tribes of Israel came to David and reminded him that even when Saul had been king, he had really been their leader.
- _____ 2. They did not know that God has said that David would one day be their ruler.
- _____ 3. The elders of Israel made a covenant with David and anointed him king over all Israel.
- _____ 4. David was an old man when he became king of Israel.
- _____ 5. David became great and the Lord was with him.



Read II Samuel 5:17-25

Which verse tells us that. . . .

- 1. The Philistines heard that David had been made king over all Israel? vs. _____
- 2. David asked for God's advice concerning the Philistines? vs. _____
- 3. Because he did as the Lord commanded, David was able to drive the Philistines back into their own country? vs. _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

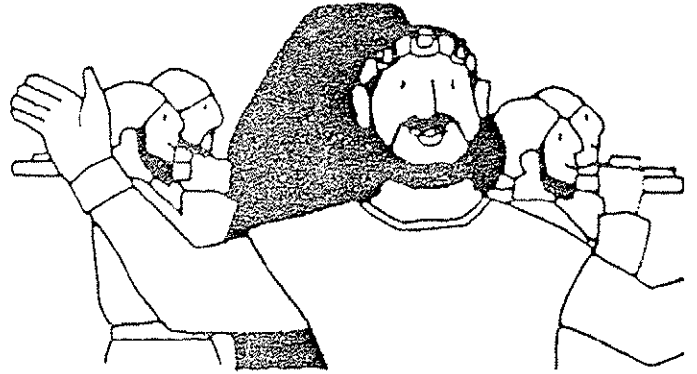
Match the book with the correct description:

- 1. Tells about Moses delivering the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. _____ Deuteronomy
- 2. The second reading of the Law as the people prepared to enter the promised land. _____ Judges
- 3. Tells about the reign of David. _____ Genesis
- 4. Tells about the reign of Saul. _____ I Samuel
- 5. Tells about the beginning of the world, and God's promises through Abraham. _____ Exodus
- 6. The people are counted as they begin their journey through the wilderness. _____ Numbers
- 7. Tells how God raised up leaders to save the people from their enemies. _____ II Samuel

Lesson 2

The Ark Is Returned To Jerusalem

II Samuel 6-9



Read II Samuel 6:1-15

1. What did David want brought back to its proper place? _____

2. Where was the ark at this time? _____
3. How did they carry the ark and who carried it? _____

4. What kind of ceremony accompanied the carrying of the ark?

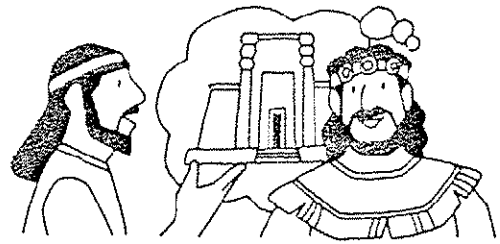
5. What happened to one of the men who was helping move the ark? _____
6. What were some of the rules regarding the moving of the ark?
(See Exodus 25:13-14 and Numbers 4:15) _____

7. How did David react to Uzzah's death? _____

8. Where did David leave the ark for three months? _____

9. Finally, what did David hear concerning the house of Obed-Edom? _____
10. Eventually, where did David bring the ark? _____

With the Philistines defeated and the ark returned safely to its proper place, David now turns to plan for the future of Israel. David offers to build a beautiful Temple for the Lord, but God tells him that He will build a house (or a family) for David. One of David's descendants would have a kingdom without end. This descendant would be Jesus.



Read II Samuel 7:1-17

Check the things which God told Nathan, the prophet, to tell David:

- Would you build me a house?
- I have not dwelt in a house since I brought the people out of Egypt.
- Have I ever asked anyone to build me a house?
- I took you from following sheep to be ruler over Israel.
- You have not been able to defeat all your enemies.
- I have made your name great.
- I will make you a house.
- I will set up your seed and will establish his kingdom.
- He will build me a house and I will establish his kingdom forever.
- Your kingdom will not last forever.
- Your throne shall last forever.



Read II Samuel 7:18-29

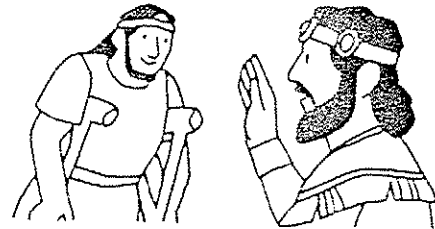
1. After God told David that he did not want him to build a Temple for Him, David
_____ went in and sat before the Lord.
_____ ran off and sulked.
2. David said that
_____ God was great and there was no other God like Him.
_____ he would be the greatest king that ever lived.
3. David said that
_____ Israel did not mean very much to God anymore.
_____ Israel was the only nation that God chose to be his own special people.




Read II Samuel 9:1-13

True/False

- _____ 1. David wanted to know if there was anyone left of Saul's family so he could punish him.
- _____ 2. David wanted to be kind to Saul's family because of his great love for Jonathan.
- _____ 3. One of Saul's servants told David that there was a son of Jonathan who was crippled.
- _____ 4. When Mephibosheth was brought to David, he was afraid of David and fell on his face.
- _____ 5. David told Mephibosheth that he would repay all the wrong Saul had done to him.
- _____ 6. David told Ziba that Mephibosheth would eat at the king's table like one of the king's sons.



During this part of David's reign over all Israel, he enjoyed great military victories and brought many areas under his rule. Since he had earlier defeated the Amalekites (1 Samuel 30:17), his wars now complete the conquest begun by Joshua when the Israelites first entered the land.

 Read the verses listed below and find the names of the cities, or people that were conquered during this time. Then find the area on the map at the right and put the corresponding number next to the name on the map.

1. **II Samuel 5:6-10**

2. **II Samuel 5:11-12**

3. **II Samuel 5:17-25**

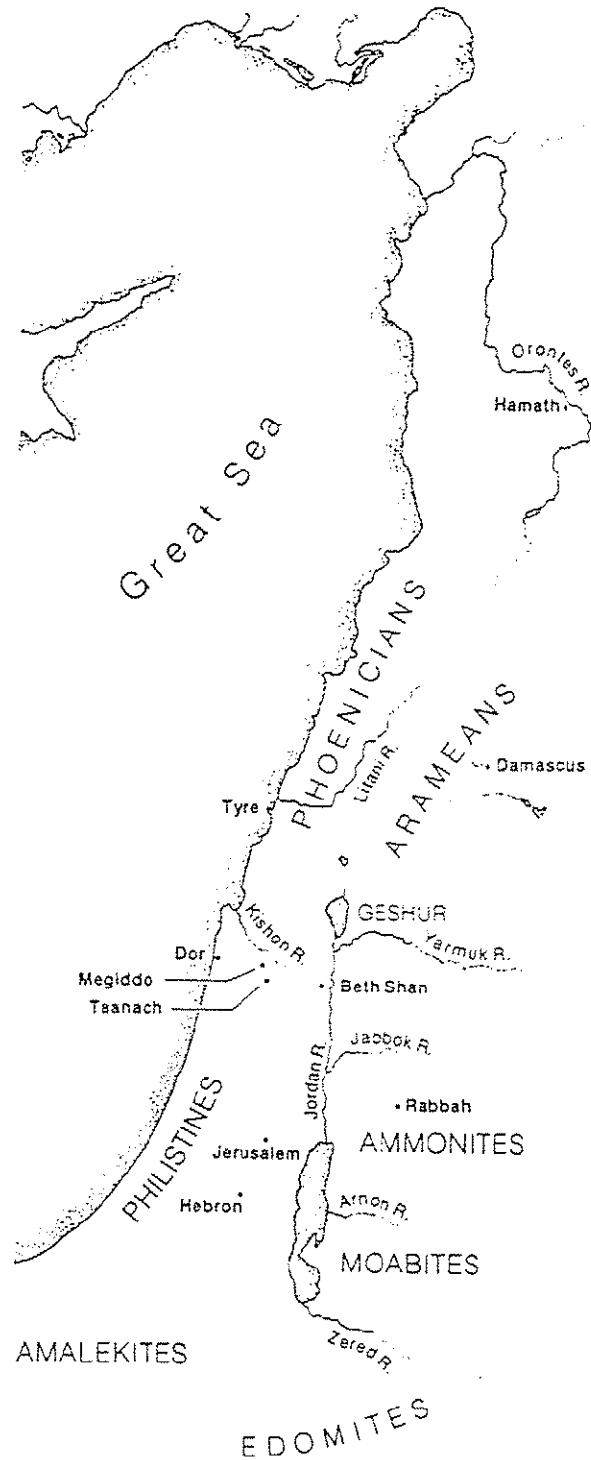
4. **II Samuel 8:2**

5. **II Samuel 8:3-8**

6. **II Samuel 8:13-14**

7. **II Samuel 12:19-31**

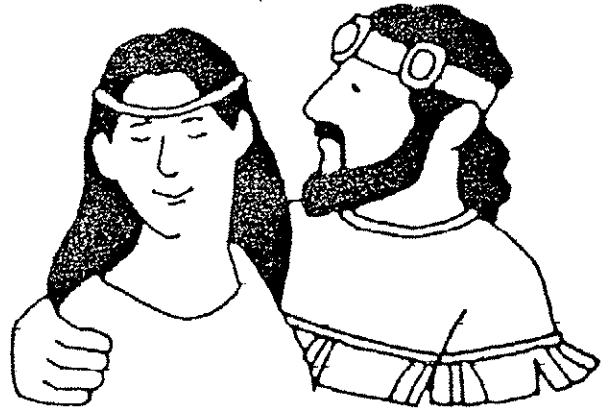
David's Conquests



Lesson 3

David Takes Another Man's Wife

II Samuel 11-12
Psalm 51



Read II Samuel 11:1-17

Check the correct answer:

1. When Joab, the captain of David's army, went out to battle,
 David remained in Jerusalem.
 David went to visit some of the other cities.
2. One evening, David was on his rooftop and
 saw the army returning from the battle.
 saw a beautiful woman.
3. David sent his messengers to
 get the woman.
 tell the woman her husband would be returning soon.
4. When David heard that she was going to have a baby, he
 sent a message to Joab to tell her husband.
 sent a message to Joab to send her husband to David.
5. When David told Uriah to go to his home, Uriah
 ran home to see his wife.
 slept with David's servants.
6. The next night, David fixed a big meal for Uriah and
 got him drunk.
 got him to go down to his house.
7. Finally, David told Joab to put Uriah in the
 safest place in the battle.
 hottest place in the battle, so he would be killed.



Read II Samuel 11:18-27

True/False

- _____ 1. Joab told the messenger that if David was unhappy with the report of the battle that he should tell David that Uriah was dead.
- _____ 2. David was angry that Uriah had been killed.
- _____ 3. Bathsheba mourned when she heard her husband had died.
- _____ 4. After awhile, Bathsheba was brought to David's house and she became his wife.
- _____ 5. Eventually, Bathsheba had the baby.
- _____ 6. Even though Uriah never knew that David had taken his wife, God was not pleased with David.
- _____ 7. When you do something that is wrong, it is okay as long as no one finds out about it.
- _____ 8. David must have thought that no one would ever know that he had taken another man's wife.

Check the sinful things that David did in this story:

- _____ Stayed at home while his army went to battle.
- _____ Relaxed one evening on his rooftop.
- _____ Watched a beautiful woman from his roof.
- _____ Watched a beautiful woman and decided he wanted her for himself.
- _____ Sent to have Uriah report back to David the news of the battle.
- _____ Got Uriah drunk.
- _____ Told Joab to put Uriah in the worst part of the battle so he would be killed.
- _____ Tried to cover up what he had done, instead of admitting it.



Read II Samuel 12:1-4

Tell the parable that Nathan, the prophet, told David:



Read II Samuel 12:5-15

1. How did David react to this story?

2. What punishment did David say the man deserved? _____

3. Who did Nathan say this story was really about? _____



4. What were three of the things that God had done for David?

5. What were the two things God said David had done which were evil in His sight? _____

6. What do you think it meant when God said the "sword would not depart" from David's house? _____

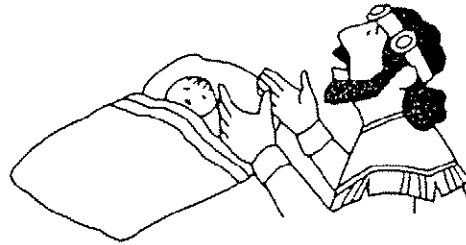
7. How did David react to all of this? _____

8. What did Nathan say would happen to the baby? _____

9. Do you think that David now realized how displeased God was with his behavior? _____



Read II Samuel 12:15-25



Which verse tells us that . . .

1. The baby became very ill? vs. _____
2. David fasted and prayed for the baby? vs. _____
3. After seven days, the baby died? vs. _____
4. David's servants did not understand why David seemed better once he heard the baby was dead? vs. _____
5. Later on, Bathsheba had another baby, and they named him Solomon. vs. _____



Read Psalm 51

This psalm was written by David when Nathan came to him.

1. List several words David used to describe what he had done?

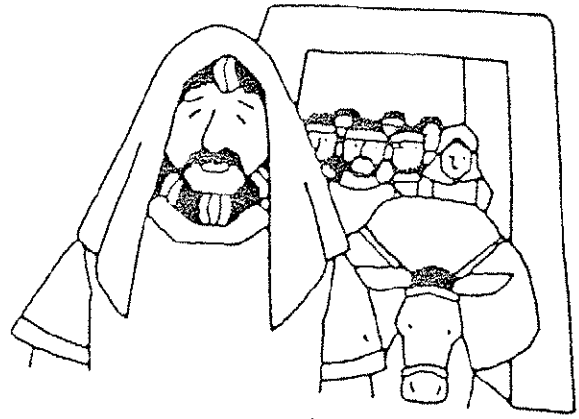
2. Who did David say the sin was against? (verse 4) _____
3. What were some of the things that David asked God to do? (Verse 7-9) _____

4. Do verses 16-17 mean that God didn't want the people to ever offer sacrifices? What is more important to God than the sacrifices that they were commanded to offer? _____

Lesson 4

Absalom Plots Against David

II Samuel 15-17
Psalm 3



Read II Samuel 15:1-12

1. Who was Absalom? (See II Samuel 3:3-4) _____
2. How did Absalom parade himself around the city? _____

3. Who was usually presented in this way? _____
4. What was Absalom's routine at the city gate? _____

5. How did the people react toward Absalom's attempts to help them with their legal matters? _____

6. What request did Absalom make of David? _____

7. What was Absalom's real plan? _____

8. What was the signal that the spies were to listen for? _____

9. How many joined in Absalom's conspiracy? _____
10. How do you think this made David feel? _____



Read II Samuel 15:13-30

Check the correct answer:

1. When a messenger reported the news of Absalom's conspiracy,
_____ David told his household to get ready to leave Jerusalem.
_____ David told his army to prepare to defend his kingdom.
2. David stopped a man named Ithai, a foreigner, and told him
_____ he wouldn't be expected to follow David around since he was only a foreigner.
_____ he would make a good officer in David's army.
3. Ithai told David that
_____ he would remain with David, whatever the circumstances.
_____ since his people had a lot of little children, he would return to Jerusalem where they would be safe.
4. Zadok, the priest, and his sons, carried the ark of the covenant, but David told them to take it back to Jerusalem
_____ so it would be safe.
_____ and if God was with him, he would return to Jerusalem and see the ark again.



Read II Samuel 15:30-37

True/False

- _____ 1. As David and the people left Jerusalem, they covered their heads and wept.
- _____ 2. David heard that Ahithophel was one of the conspirators with Absalom.
- _____ 3. David sent Hushai to Jerusalem to kill Absalom.
- _____ 4. Hushai was to report any news to Zadok, the priest.
- _____ 5. Hushai did not go back to Jerusalem because he was afraid of Absalom.



Read II Samuel 16:15-17:14

Write **ABSALOM**, **AHITHOPHEL** or **HUSHAI** in the blanks.

- _____ 1. He was leading a rebellion against David.
- _____ 2. He came to Absalom and said, "Long live the king."
- _____ 3. Absalom asked him why he was not with his friend, David.
- _____ 4. He was Absalom's advisor.
- _____ 5. His advice was highly regarded by David and Absalom.
- _____ 6. He told Absalom that they should choose twelve thousand men and go up against David.
- _____ 7. He also wanted to hear the counsel of Hushai.
- _____ 8. He advised Absalom to wait and gather all Israel against David.
- _____ 9. He decided that the counsel of Hushai was better than that of Ahithophel.



Read II Samuel 17:15-29

1. Where did Jonathan and Ahimaaz hide while Absalom looked for them? _____
2. What was the message they gave to David? _____

3. What did Ahithophel do? _____



Read Psalm 3

David wrote this psalm when he fled from Absalom, his son.

1. Did David take this conspiracy seriously? Did he think there were many people involved? _____
2. Who did David turn to during this time when he felt threatened?

3. What word does David use in verse 3 to describe God's protection of him? _____
4. Who does David say will protect him from his enemies? _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Find the answers to the questions in the puzzle below:

1. The first king of Israel.
2. The prophet who anointed the first two kings of Israel.
3. David's best friend.
4. Jonathan's son who came to live with David.
5. The prophet who came to David.
6. David's son who tried to steal the kingdom.
7. The giant David slew.
8. The city where David set up his capitol.
9. The woman who David watched from his rooftop.
10. The son born to David and Bathsheba.
11. Absalom's advisor.

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Lesson 5

David Returns To Jerusalem

II Samuel 18-19



Read II Samuel 18:1-18

1. Why didn't the captains of David's army want David to go into battle with the rest of the army? _____

2. What were David's specific instructions to his officers about dealing with Absalom? _____
3. Where did this battle take place? _____
4. How many men were killed in the battle? _____
5. What happened to Absalom as he met the servants of David?

6. What did Joab tell the man he should have done to Absalom?

7. What was the man's response? _____

8. What did Joab do? _____
9. What was done with Absalom's body? _____
10. What had Absalom made for himself? _____



Read II Samuel 18:19-33

Check the correct answer:

1. Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok, insisted that he be allowed to
_____ carry the news of Absalom's death to David.
_____ bury the body of Absalom.
2. When Ahimaaz reached David,
_____ he told David everything about the battle.
_____ he didn't really know any of the details of the battle.
3. David asked Ahimaaz
_____ if Absalom was safe.
_____ who had won the battle.
4. When the Cushite arrived, David asked again about Absalom
and the Cushite told him
_____ that all of David's enemies should be as Absalom.
_____ that David's army had won a great victory.
5. When David heard the news of Absalom, he wept aloud and said
_____ he wished he could have been the one to die.
_____ he would kill whoever had killed Absalom.

What Do You Think?

1. Why do you think Joab killed Absalom when the king had given strict orders not to harm him? _____

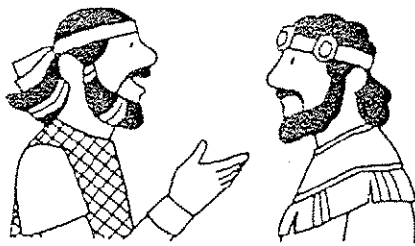
2. Why do you think Ahimaaz and the Cushite wanted to give the news to David? _____
3. Why do you think David was so upset about Absalom's death when Absalom had been trying to take the kingdom from David?



Read II Samuel 19:1-18

True/False

- _____ 1. The celebration for the victory had been turned into mourning because the people heard that David grieved for his son.
- _____ 2. The people came back to the city in a great victory march.
- _____ 3. Joab rebuked David for making the people feel guilty for the death of Absalom.
- _____ 4. Joab told David that he should speak to the people, but David refused.
- _____ 5. David wanted the tribe of Judah to send for him to return to Jerusalem.
- _____ 6. David made Amasa the commander of his army instead of Joab.
- _____ 7. The people of Judah sent word for David to return to Jerusalem as their king.
- _____ 8. Only a few people came out to the Jordan river to meet David.
- _____ 9. David and his household crossed the Jordan on a ferryboat.





Read each verse below and describe what each verse says about David's relationship with God.

Acts 13:22 _____

I Samuel 16:18 _____

I Samuel 18:12,14 _____

Acts 7:46 _____



Read each verse below and describe when David used God for decision-making.

I Samuel 23:2 _____

II Samuel 2:1 _____

II Samuel 5:19 _____

Did David trust God to help him make important decisions? _____

Should we trust God to help us make important decisions? _____



Read each verse below and describe how David viewed God's control of the world?

I Samuel 17:37 _____

I Samuel 17:46 _____

I Samuel 24:15 _____

Did David believe that God was in control of the world? _____

Did this belief affect David's faith in God? How? _____

Lesson 6

The Last Days Of David

II Samuel 21-24



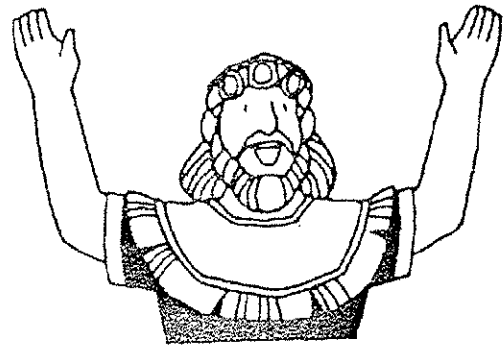
Read II Samuel 21:15-22

1. What happened to David when he went with his army into the battle against the Philistines? _____
2. Why do you think he grew faint? _____
3. Who almost killed David? _____
4. Who saved his life? _____
5. What did the men of David decide at that time? _____

6. What kind of men were these Philistines that fought against the men of David? _____
7. What was unusual about the giant described in verse 20? _____



In **II Samuel 22** you can read a song that David wrote expressing his faith in God and his gratitude for His protection. You can also read this song in Psalm 18.



Read the selected verses below and answer the questions:

1. List some of the times when David trusted in God. (See verse 3)

2. List some of the times when David's life was in danger. (See verses 5-7) _____

3. List some of the ways that God rewarded David for his righteousness. (See verses 21-22) _____

4. Who does David say has been responsible for his successes? (See Verses 47-51) _____
5. What are some ways we can be more like David? _____

6. Did David ever make a mistake? _____
7. What did David do when he sinned? _____
8. Do you think God expects us to be perfect or to keep trying to do better? _____
9. With all the problems that David has faced in his life, who has he always trusted for help? _____
10. When we have problems in our life, who should we trust for help?
