

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



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Lesson 11

David's Son Absalom

Your child should understand...

Obedience — Recognizing the consequences of sin

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify King David's handsome son who wanted to take David's place as king.
2. Describe what happened to Absalom because of his sinful actions.

Your child should be memorizing...

1 Kings 2:1-3

“... David ... gave orders to his son Solomon. He said, ‘I’m about to die. So be strong. Do everything the Lord your God requires. Live the way He wants you to.’”

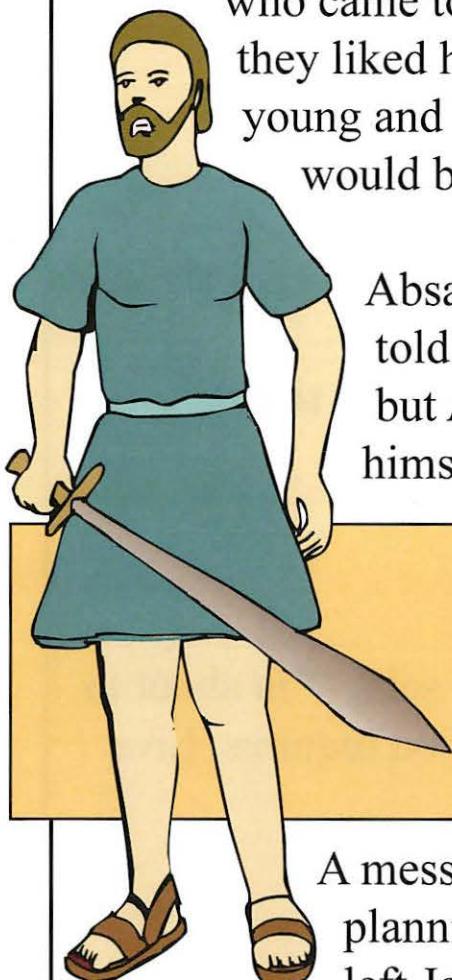
Please read to your child...

- 1 2 Samuel 15:1-2, 5-6, 13-14
- 2 2 Samuel 16:11-12
- 3 2 Samuel 17:6, 11-12, 14
- 4 2 Samuel 18:5, 7, 9, 14, 33
- 5 2 Samuel 19:1-5, 7, 14

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King David had several sons. Absalom was one of them. He was very good-looking and proud. Absalom did not act like his father, King David. Absalom planned evil things in his heart. When Absalom grew up, he wanted to be the king of Israel. He wanted his father David to die! Absalom became friendly with all the people who came to Jerusalem. He listened to their troubles, and they liked him because of his kindness and because he was young and handsome. The people began to think Absalom would be a great king.



Absalom asked David if he could go to Hebron. He told David that he wanted to go there to serve God, but Absalom really wanted to go to Hebron to make himself king there.

Circle the name of King David's son who wanted to be king himself:

Abner

Absalom

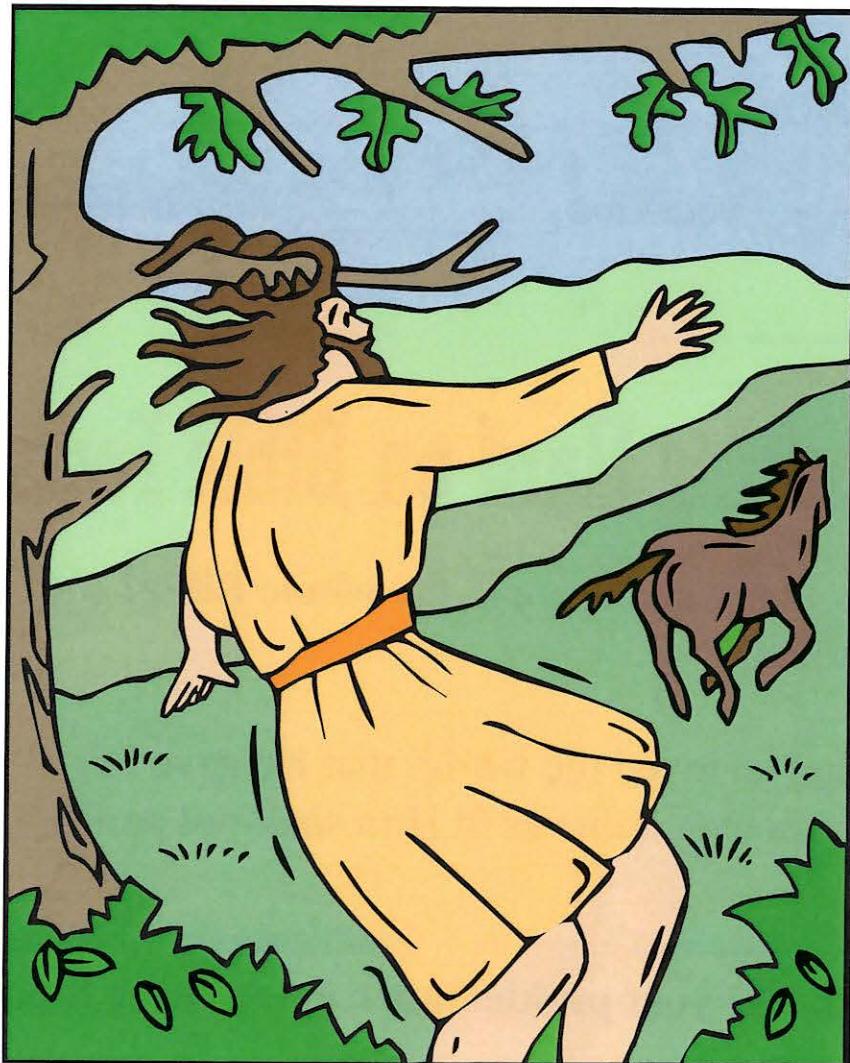
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A message came to King David that Absalom was planning to fight him. David took his servants and left Jerusalem. King David's army fought against Absalom and his men. King David himself did not fight. He wanted his soldiers to be good to Absalom. You see, David still loved his son, even after all the wrong things Absalom had done.

During the battle, Absalom's mule ran under a big tree. The branches of the tree caught Absalom's head, but the mule kept running. When some of David's soldiers came and found Absalom, they killed him.

When the war was over, David found out that Absalom was dead. King David was so very sad that he cried, "My son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom!"

Be ready to tell the class what happened to Absalom because of his sinful heart and the sinful things he did.



King David and his faithful servants and soldiers went back to Jerusalem. David had trusted God, and God had been loving and had taken care of him. David was very kind to the people who had helped him.

Like David, we want to love God with all our hearts. When we do, we will obey the Lord!

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Memory Verses:

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Fill in the blanks in your memory verses:

1 _____ 2:1-____

“... David ... gave _____ to his son _____. He said, ‘_____ about to _____. So be _____. Do everything the _____ your God _____. Live the _____ He wants _____ to.’”



Working Hard on Bible Facts

How many books are in the **whole Bible?** (66)
Say them!

Say **John 3:16.** (“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”)

Look at your **Bible map.** Use your **pinkie finger** to tap three times on the **Sea of Galilee.**