

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 7

David Learns to Be a Leader

Theme: Love — Returning good for evil

Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 1 Samuel 21:1, 3, 6-10
- 2 1 Samuel 22: 9-23
- 3 1 Samuel 23:1-18
- 4 1 Samuel 24:1-12, 16-19
- 5 1 Samuel 25:5-14, 18-19, 23-28, 35-42

It took time for David to become a great leader. Let’s learn some things David did to lead God’s people in a good way.

David Humbly Gained Support

David returned to serving Saul, but Saul tried to kill him again. David escaped from Saul and stayed away by hiding and moving

1 Samuel 21:1, 3, 6-10

Circle all correct answers. What did Ahimelech the priest give to David?

doves consecrated bread gold vessels

sour dough bread Goliath’s sword

What did Doeg do with the information about what he saw?



around. David needed supplies, so he visited the priest Ahimelech who had helped him before. Ahimelech gave David Goliath's sword and bread for his men. Doeg, one of Saul's servants, saw this and reported to Saul.

When Saul learned what Ahimelech gave David, he ordered Ahimelech and other priests killed. Doeg carried out Saul's orders. David respected the priests, but Saul murdered them. David stayed away from Saul and hid in a cave at Adullam. People started leaving Saul and going with David. Over time, four hundred people joined with David. During this time, David humbly trusted the Lord.

1 Samuel 22:9-23

Match the following:

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| Saul | escaped and went to David. |
| Abiathar | told Saul what David did at Nob. |
| Doeg | had Ahimelech and the others who helped David killed. |



David Delivered Israel With God's Help

David learned that Philistines were attacking Israel at the city Keilah. David took time to ask the Lord what to do. God told David to attack the Philistines. David's fighting men worried, but David trusted God. David asked for and received God's help. With God's help, David delivered the citizens of Keilah from the Philistines.



1 Samuel 23:1-18

What did David do two times before he went into battle against Keilah?

- took at bath
- sharpened his sword
- asked the Lord

Saul wanted to kill David and tried many times. Why was he not able to do so?

David Respected the Lord's Anointed

Saul went to get David at Keilah, but David and his men escaped and hid. While chasing David, Saul went into a cave. Saul didn't know David and his men were in the same cave! David's men tried to get him to kill Saul. Instead, David cut off the edge of

Saul's robe without Saul knowing it.

David respected Saul as the king anointed by God. After Saul left the cave, David came out and told Saul what he had done. Saul knew David was a better man than he was. Saul stopped going after David and went home.

1 Samuel 24:1-12, 16-19

After David cut the edge of Saul's robe, his conscience bothered him because:

- Saul was his best friend's father
- Saul was the anointed king
- killing him would have been too easy

David was willing to let whom settle the matter with Saul?



David Listened to Wise Advice

In the wilderness, David's growing troops needed supplies. Nabal was a rich man who lived in the area where David was roaming. David's

1 Samuel 25:5-14, 18-19, 23-28, 35-42

How did Nabal respond to David's request for supplies?

Match the following:

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| Abigail | decided not to kill Nabal |
| David | died when he heard the news |
| Nabal | brought David supplies and later became his wife |

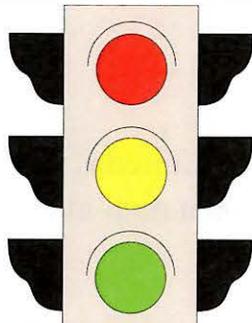
men were good to Nabal's shepherds and protected them.

David asked Nabal for supplies, but Nabal was rude and mean. David first thought he would go after Nabal and destroy all he had.

Nabal's wife Abigail learned what was happening. She took David the supplies he needed and wisely spoke to David. David saw the wisdom of Abigail's words and listened to them. Before long,

Nabal died and Abigail became David's wife.

When I want to be the leader, I am humble and try to encourage the people I want to lead.



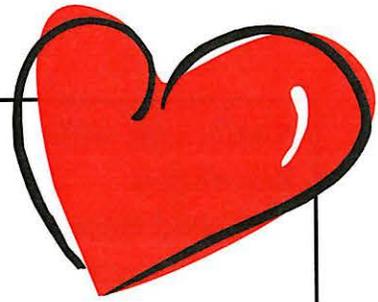
Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always

Think About It ...



You have a teacher this year who hardly ever smiles or speaks kindly to anyone. When anything goes wrong in the classroom, he punishes everyone in the class. He doesn't seem to like anyone and you don't like him! List three ways you can respect him as a teacher.

1.

2.

3.



Working Hard on Bible Facts

How many books are in the Old Testament?

Right here, write from memory Galatians 5:22-23.

On a map inside the back cover, locate the United Kingdom and the Twelve Tribes. Be ready to point to these places on a map in class.