

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 9

King David

Theme: Obedience — Following God’s commands exactly

Memory Verses

“David said to Solomon, ‘Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways ... according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.’”

1 Kings 2:2-3

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 2 Samuel 1:1-16
- 2 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 3:1-5, 11-12; 5:3-7, 12
- 3 2 Samuel 6:1-3, 6-12, 17-19
- 4 2 Samuel 7:1-6, 9-22
- 5 2 Samuel 8:13-15; 9:3-11

God anointed David as king of Israel, but David also worked long and hard to rule the whole nation. Let’s learn some of the important decisions David made to be a great leader of God’s people.

David Honored Saul and Jonathan

Saul’s kingship ended when he and his sons died

2 Samuel 1:1-16

David received word from the battlefield that who had been killed?

Why did David have the messenger put to death?

- because he was an Amalekite
- because he killed the Lord’s anointed
- because he had a sword



battling the Philistines on Mount Gilboa. Though Saul had been evil toward David, David honored him as a mighty soldier. David respected Saul as the Lord's anointed. David was especially sorry that his good friend Jonathan died.

David Trusted God

Though God chose and anointed David as Israel's king, everyone didn't want

him to be king. Most people loved David, but some people hated him. Abner, the commander of Saul's army, made Saul's son, Ish-bosheth king over parts of Israel. For many years, Saul's soldiers fought with David's soldiers. In these battles, David grew stronger and Saul's men grew weaker.

Finally, after seven and a half years, David was king over all Israel. David asked God what to do, and God guided and helped him. We must trust God to guide and help us.



2 Samuel 6:1-3, 6-12, 17-19

How was the ark of the covenant first moved to Jerusalem?

- on poles
- on a cart
- on a donkey

What happened to Uzzah when he reached out to hold the ark steady?

2 Samuel 2:1-11; 3:1-5, 11-12; 5:3-7, 12

Men of Judah anointed David king in Hebron, but _____ was anointed by Abner over the rest of Israel.

Once he became king over all Israel, what city did David overtake to live in?

- Hebron
- Jerusalem
- Ziklag
- Bethel

Why did David become greater and greater?



David Respected God and People

After becoming king over all Israel, David captured Jerusalem and made it Israel's capital city. David wanted the ark of the covenant in the capital city.

The wonderful time of bringing the ark to Jerusalem became a sad

event when people did not follow God's will. The ark was not carried as God had instructed, and when it was upset Uzzah reached out to hold it steady. No one was to touch the ark, and God struck Uzzah dead. Three months later, David ordered that the ark be properly carried to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 7:1-6, 9-22

Match the following:

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| David | built the temple. |
| God | wanted to build a house for the ark. |
| Solomon | wanted David's son to build a temple. |

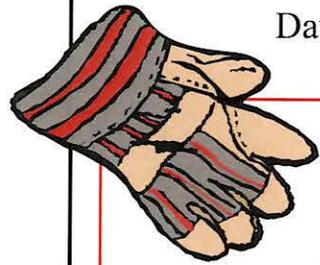


David thought he should build a permanent building for the ark, but God wanted David's son to build the temple. God made a covenant with David, as He had with Abraham many years before. God promised to establish a throne for David and his descendants and to bless his family. David thanked God for this important promise.

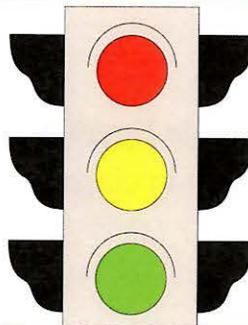
2 Samuel 8:13-15; 9:3-11

How did David show kindness to the house of Saul?

David never forgot he was leading people. He could have taken revenge on Saul's family, but he did not do so. For Jonathan's sake, David treated Jonathan's son Mephibosheth kindly. David respected God and people.



I am deciding right now to do things God's way instead of my own way.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

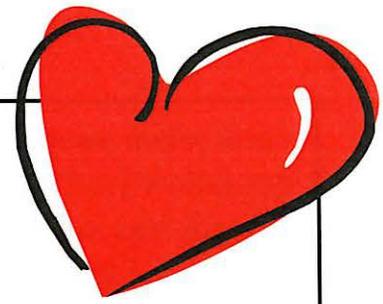
Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always

Think About It ...

Suppose you have been elected to direct a class project of creating a museum of space exploration. Your friend, Zach, thinks your ideas are ridiculous and he wants to direct it. He talks to some of the other kids and a few of them decide to follow him. What do you do? How can you show outstanding leadership qualities?



Working Hard on Bible Facts

Which books of the Old Testament are about the United and Divided Kingdoms and Israel losing the Promised Land?

Get someone to help you practice turning to books of the Bible without using the Table of Contents or Index Tabs. In the space here, write down the books you found.

On a map inside the back cover, locate Egypt, the Red Sea and Mount Sinai. Be ready to locate these places on a map in class.