

DAVID RECEIVES THE KINGDOM

Scripture:

I Samuel 31:1-13, II Samuel 1:1-2:11, 5:1-11, Philippians 2:8-11

Materials Needed:

Pictures of story—Life of David series 1: DC 1.6 and DC 1.3
Life of David series 2: DD 1.2, 1.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4,
Life of David series 3: DE 1.6, 1.1, 1.2. 6.3 and 6.4

Memory Verse:

I Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although Saul was tall and strong in battle and many followed him and got nice things, and David was a humble shepherd who had to hide in caves while he was persecuted, in the end Saul's life ended in disgrace and David was honored as God's choice of King by the whole nation—even receiving an eternal kingdom.

To Realize—Although those who turn from God may seem to have great power and benefits for those who follow them, they will end in disgrace, but God's humble and anointed King, even though rejected and persecuted for a time, will receive great honor with all bowing to Him.

To Respond by—following King Jesus at any cost because He will receive His kingdom.

Setting up the Story:

We have been studying about King Saul and God's Anointed King David. Next week we are going to move to a new unit, but **I told you last time that we were going to see what happened to Saul after David spared his life**—and that is what we are going to do today.

Today we are going to play a PRETEND game! We are going to pretend that we are going to join the army back at this time of the Bible story. And we don't know whether we should join Saul and his army, or join David. Now---you've already heard some of the story, so you know that David is the good one in the story...but there were LOTS of people who joined King Saul. So I want **us to try to figure out why someone would want to join Saul and not join David.**

We are going to start at the Very Beginning, when Saul was chosen as the FIRST King! What did people like about Saul?

Scripture

Telling the story:

As you tell the story:

I Sam,
31:1-13

- I. In the Beginning
A. Saul seems like a great choice for king!
1. He is tall
2. He is a good warrior

Storytell with flash-a-cards.
Review from David series 1 with cards DC 1.6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The people like him 4. He gets lot of people to be soldiers 	<p>But you remember that Saul went his own way (write on board over Saul: "My own way.")</p>
	<p>B. David is a humble choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He is just a young shepherd 2. He plays the lyre 3. He has courage to fight a lion and bear 	<p>David was different. He wanted God's way. (write on board over David: "God's way.") (Show card DC 1.3—David taking care of sheep and playing lyre) Do you think anyone would want to follow David at this time? Where was he?! (taking care of sheep!) Does David look like a tall, strong King?! But WHO Chose him? God did! Not even his own brothers liked him being anointed instead of them!</p>
	<p>II. In the Middle</p> <p>A. Saul seems to have all the power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He has a crown 2. He gives gifts to loyal followers (I Sam. 22:7) 3. 3,000 soldiers to do what he wants 4. He tries to kill David 10x! (Lots of people help him!) <p>B. David suffers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has to run away 2. Lives in caves 3. Only 600 men follow him (outcasts) 	<p>(Use cards DD 1.2 and 1.3) Let's move to the middle of the story! Saul has fought some battles and the people like him, but David has fought Goliath and EVERYONE loves him!! Why would someone want to join with Saul now? (He gave them gifts, he had power to have them killed if they were loyal to David, he had an impressive army with good equipment)</p>
<p>II Sam. 1:1-2:11</p>	<p>III. At the End...</p> <p>A. Saul's life ends in disgrace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saul consults a witch: on his own! 2. Fighting on Mt. Gilboa 3. Philistines kill Saul's three sons: Jonathan and his brothers. 	<p>Story tell using cards DD 4.1, 4.2 (omit 4.3) and 4.4</p>
<p>II Sam. 5:1-11</p>		

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| <p>4. Saul Dies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Badly wounded by archers b.) Tells armor-bearer to kill him. c.) Armor-bearer won't do it. d.) Saul falls on his own sword. | <p>When the Philistines realized that King Saul was dead, what do you think they did? They rejoiced and thought their idols had helped them.</p> |
| <p>5. Philistines Rejoice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Cut off his head and strip off weapons. b.) Carry the news to their people and idols. c.) Fasten his body to the wall in Beth Shan d.) Men of Jabesh-Gilead take the bodies, burn, and bury them. | <p>The Philistine weren't the only ones who heard that Saul was dead!</p> |
| <p>B. David is Given great Honor</p> <p>1. David Mourns the death of Saul and Jonathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Writes a lament (sad song) b.) Teaches it to everyone. | <p>The news reaches David and the men who were loyal to him!
How do you think David felt when he heard that Saul and his sons were DEAD?!
(Show Card DE 1.6)</p> <p>NOW...finally David can be king!
He ASKS GOD what to do!
(Show Card DE 1.1)</p> |
| <p>2. David asks God what to do next.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Move to Hebron b.) In the tribe of Judah | <p>(Show Card DE 1.2)</p> |
| <p>3. The leaders of Judah come to anoint David as their king.</p> | <p>David has waited and waited...
And then the day came when ALL the leaders of ALL the rest of the tribes came to David. They knew all along that God had put him as the king over them...and now they acknowledge him and anoint him!</p> |
| <p>4. The Other Tribes Submit to David as Rightful King</p> | |

Concluding the Story:

(Show visual DE 6.3)

After David had reigned as king, his son was anointed king.

And then David's grandson, and great-grandson, and great-great-great-great...grandson! And that great-great-great-great-great...grandson was also born in Bethlehem, just like David was. And you know his Name!! (let students see if they can guess, then write on the board:)

...JESUS!

Jesus is from David's kingly line and is God's chosen King to rule over, not just Israel like David did, but over the **WHOLE WORLD**. (Show card DE 6.4)

There are people today who are big and important—and they don't love God—just like Saul did not love God but went his own way. **LOTS** of people follow them. Sometimes when people follow Jesus, others make fun of them and it's hard. But guess what? God has promised that one day **EVERY KNEE** will bow and **EVERY TONGUE** will say that **JESUS** is **LORD**! ...just like all the tribes realized David was the right king.

It is **WORTH IT** to follow Jesus now, even when it is hard.