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Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on David, a Heart for God!

We believe that studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Each lesson has 9-10 questions, a memory verse, a Believe the TRUTH, Pray the TRUTH, and a Walk in TRUTH application section.

These lessons teach foundational Scriptural truths all age groups can enjoy but adjust them to make them work for your group. Younger children may need help to read and answer the questions or understand certain words or concepts. Older students might need help to dig in deeper.

David was a shepherd boy who was God's choice to become Israel's most important king. David is most well-known for defeating Goliath with a slingshot, but David was a great warrior that made Israel a strong nation, all while pointing his people to God.

David was far from perfect, but he is known as a man after God's own heart because of his faith, his reliance on God, and his continued pursuit of a relationship with God.

Despite his many flaws, God promised David a descendant to rule on the throne forever - Jesus, our Savior.

We pray that this study will strengthen your relationship with Jesus!

Enjoy!



# INTRUTH David - Heart for God



## 1 Samuel 16:7b

"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Lesson 1

## Luke 1:49

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name."

Lesson 6

## Philippians 4:13

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Lesson 2

## 2 Samuel 7:22

"How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!"

Lesson 7

## Psalms 16:8

"I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me."

Lesson 3

## 1 John 1:9

"But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

Lesson 8

## Matthew 5:44-45

"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."

Lesson 4

## Psalms 23:6

"Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever."

Lesson 9

## Acts 4:12

"I look up to the mountains — does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

Lesson 5

## 1 Chronicles 29:11

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things."

Lesson 10

## God Looks at the Heart



MEMORY VERSE: "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b



1 SAMUEL 16:1-7

Who Will Be the New King?

Saul was the first king of Israel. He initially trusted God, but then he stopped so God sent the Prophet, Samuel, to find the person He had chosen to be the new king.

1. What instructions did God give Samuel? Why did Samuel hesitate to do as God asked?  
vv. 1-2
2. Read verse 7. What do you think it means to look at the heart of a person? List some examples of inner qualities that God might value.
3. Why is God's way of judging better than the way most people judge?



1 SAMUEL 16:8-13

God Chose the Future King

4. How many sons does Jesse have total and how many did he present to Samuel? What do verses 11 and 12 tell about the youngest son?
5. What happened when Samuel anointed David as King? Why is this important?
6. Does God's choice of David encourage you? Why?



## 1 SAMUEL 16:14-23

## David Serves King Saul

7. Why was Saul filled with depression and fear? What did Saul's servants suggest to help him? vv. 14-16
8. Why did they pick David to play for Saul? vv. 18 What relationship developed between Saul and David? vv. 22-23
9. Often we expect God's plans to be immediate, but David wouldn't become king until after Saul died. Not only that, but before becoming king, he would serve the existing king. What might God be doing here? What do you think God is doing in your life when his timing is different than yours?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Saul stopped trusting and obeying God and so God rejected him as king. When God chose David to be King he was just a young shepherd boy but he had a warrior heart and God was with him. David was an unlikely choice but the Lord looked past the outward appearance and saw the heart of a king—one who would love and follow Him. David was known as “a man after God's own heart” and this alone is what sets him apart from others. God wants to use you for great things too! Follow David's example and choose to follow and love God.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, help me to remember that it is not what I look like that matters to you but who I am. Thank you that my worth and value are determined by You rather than by some outward quality. I want to be more like David and be known for having “a heart after You.” Please help me to love and follow You every day.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



Draw a heart and inside fill in some of the inner qualities that God sees in you.

## 1 Samuel 16 (NLT)

1 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king." 2 But Samuel asked, "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." "Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me." 4 So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. "What's wrong?" they asked. "Do you come in peace?" 5 "Yes," Samuel replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too. 6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!" 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "This is not the one the Lord has chosen." 9 Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, "Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen." 10 In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." 12 So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him." 13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and the Lord sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear. 15 Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you. 16 Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again." 17 "All right," Saul said. "Find me someone who plays well, and bring him here." 18 One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that — he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the Lord is with him." 19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the shepherd." 20 Jesse responded by sending David to Saul, along with a young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine. 21 So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer. 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, "Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him." 23 And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.

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### Facing a Giant



MEMORY VERSE: "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13



1 SAMUEL 17:1-11

A Bully Threatens God's People

1. The Philistine people were enemies of the Israelites. How would you describe the atmosphere in verses 1-3?
2. Read verses 4-11. Who was Goliath? What are some things we learn about him?
3. What did Goliath propose? Look at how Saul and the Israelite army responds in verse 11. How would you respond?



1 SAMUEL 17:20-27, 32-37

David Stands up to Goliath

4. Read verses 20-27. David's father sent David from the fields to see how his brothers were getting along in the fight against the Philistines. How was the Israelite army doing?
5. What reward did King Saul offer anyone who could kill Goliath? vv. 25 What was what motivated David to fight Goliath? vv. 26
6. Read verses 32-37. Where does David find the confidence to face Goliath? How does David's attitude compare with Saul's (v. 11)?



## 1 SAMUEL 17:38-50

## Victory Over a Giant

7. Why did David choose not to wear Saul's armor? What did he take with him to fight Goliath instead? vv. 38-40
8. Read verses 45-47. What do David and Goliath's words reveal about their motives and source of strength?
9. What is the end result of the battle? vv. 48-50  
What do the men of Israel, the Philistines and even the "whole world" now know? vv. 46
10. What giants are you facing? What does David's example tell you about how you should go into battle and whom is going into battle with you?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

There are many Goliaths in the world and they can be big, strong, loud, confident and intimidating, while we often feel small and weak and inferior. God is bigger than anything we face in life. God said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9 What a comfort and confidence this should give us when we face GIANT problems!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father in Heaven, please give me Your power and wisdom when I face "Giants." May I trust You to help me face whatever comes my way. And most of all, help me to remember that you are God! In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



What was David's greatest weapon against Goliath? How can you use this weapon (specifically) as you face Your Giants?



## 1 Samuel 17:1-11; 20-27; 32-37; 38-50 (NLT)

1 The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephesdammim. 2 Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. 3 So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them. 4 Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! 5 He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. 6 He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. 7 The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. 8 Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! 9 If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! 10 I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" 11 When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

20 So David left the sheep with another shepherd and set out early the next morning with the gifts, as Jesse had directed him. He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries. 21 Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces stood facing each other, army against army. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel. 24 As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.

25 "Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!" 26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" 27 And these men gave David the same reply. They said, "Yes, that is the reward for killing him."

32 "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" 33 "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." 34 But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, 35 I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! 37 The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"

38 Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!" 38 Then Saul gave David his own armor — a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. 39 David put it on, trapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again. 40 He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine. 41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. 43 "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. 44 "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled. 45 David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies — the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! 47 And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!" 48 As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. 49 Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

**Israelites** - are the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. They are God's chosen people. The word Israelite is often used synonymously with the terms Hebrew and Jew.

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### Trust, Friendship and Jealousy



MEMORY VERSE: "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me." Psalm 16:8



1 SAMUEL 18:1-16

Friendship and Jealousy

1. Describe David and Jonathan's friendship. vv. 1-4 What does it mean to love someone as you love yourself?
2. Read verses 5-11. What does jealousy mean? Why did Saul (who previously loved David) become jealous of him and what did he do as a result of his jealousy?
3. Read verses 12-16. Why does David keep succeeding in everything he does? vv. 14 How did everyone else feel about David? vv. 5, 16



1 SAMUEL 23:15-18; 26-29

Saul Hunts David

4. How does Jonathan encourage David? vv. 15-18  
Can you think of a time a friend encouraged you when you were having a hard time?
5. Where was David living while Saul was hunting him and trying to kill him? vv. 25  
Why did Saul stop pursuing David? vv. 26-29
6. What are your thoughts about this "coincidence?"



## PSALM 16

## Prayer and Praise in Difficult Times

David wrote this Psalm during this time, and it tells us the secret of contentment even when times are hard.

7. When Saul and his army are hunting down David, where does David go, according to Psalm 16:1? Is God the first person you go to when you face hard things?
8. Re-read verses 2-11. Why is it so important to pray and praise God when we are down?
9. Write your favorite verse from Psalm 16. Why did you choose this verse?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God anointed David to be king, but until that day comes, David sees a lot of hardship. Because God is with David, he has succeeded in everything he does which makes Saul so jealous he tries to kill him multiple times. But while Saul is hunting David, Jonathan, his son, is the loving and encouraging friend he needs in this difficult time. Ultimately, God protects David and God is with you too if you choose Him. Remember that God is who He says He is, even when things are hard.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,  
Help me to love others the way you do and keep my heart from becoming jealous. Help me to rely on you when others are jealous of me. I ask you to be with me when I face hardship and remind me to praise you even when I don't feel like it. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



David knew his life was in God's hands. What do you learn from this lesson about trusting God with your life?

## 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 23:15-18, 26-29; Psalm 16 (NLT)

1 After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. 2 From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. 3 And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. 4 Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

5 Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

6 When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. 7 This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" 8 This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" 9 So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

10 The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, 11 and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice. 12 Saul was then afraid of David, for the Lord was with David and had turned away from Saul. 13 Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle. 14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him. 15 When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.

1 Samuel 23:15-18, 26-29

15 One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him. 16 Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. 17 "Don't be afraid," Jonathan reassured him. "My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware." 18 So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the Lord. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

26 Saul and David were now on opposite sides of a mountain. Just as Saul and his men began to close in on David and his men, 27 an urgent message reached Saul that the Philistines were raiding Israel again. 28 So Saul quit chasing David and returned to fight the Philistines. Ever since that time, the place where David was camped has been called the Rock of Escape. 29 David then went to live in the strongholds of En-gedi.

Psalm 16

1 Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

2 I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." 3 The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!

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## 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 23:15-18, 26-29; Psalm 16 (NLT)

4 Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.

I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

5 Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. 6 The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!

7 I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 9 No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.

10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

11 You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

**Jealousy** - desire to have the achievements and advantages of someone else.

**Contentment** - desiring no more than what one has; satisfied with life.

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### Repay Evil With Good



MEMORY VERSE: "But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:44-45



1 SAMUEL 24:1-6

Chosen by God

1. Saul has tried to kill David a total-of-ten times now because he is so jealous of David. Why does he take 3000 elite troops with him? What does this tell you about God's plan vs. man's plan?
2. What interesting encounter did God arrange?  
What did David do to King Saul, and why did this bother his conscience? vv. 6
3. God has chosen the people that are in your life as well. Did you know that God wants you to honor those that He has placed in authority over you? What do you think that looks like?



1 SAMUEL 24:7-15

David Confronts Saul

4. David had the chance to defend himself and kill the man that was trying to kill him, but he didn't. What does David say to Saul? Who does David say is the judge of right and wrong?
5. This whole confrontation shows an ENORMOUS amount of faith in God. Do you think this was easy for David? How can you have more faith in God like David does?
6. A lot of times, we want to pay someone back for the wrongs they commit against us. But what does the "old proverb" in verse 13 say? What do you think this means? How did David do the right thing instead of paying Saul back?



## 1 SAMUEL 24:16-22

## David is the Better Man

7. Read verses 16-17. What did Saul say about David in verse 17? What do you think it means to actually return good for evil?
8. What blessing did Saul speak to David? What did Saul admit that he knew about David's future? vv. 18-20
9. What did Saul ask of David? vv. 21-22 Do you think David will keep his word?
10. This lesson is all about loving your enemy and repaying evil with kindness. Can you list a few ways you can start repaying evil with good?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David shows us what it means to be more like Christ because he does not give Saul what he “deserves” but instead repays his evil with kindness. David reminds us that GOD is The Judge, not us. You to should have faith in God in difficulty and show kindness to the most undeserving of people. And if you do, you WILL be blessed for it.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord,  
Please help me to be more Christlike and to repay evil with kindness. Help me to remain humble, see others the way you see them, and remember that YOU are the one and only Judge. And most of all, give me the same faith in You that David has. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



What do David's actions and attitude teach you about being like Jesus?

## 1 Samuel 24 (NLT)

1 After Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, he was told that David had gone into the wilderness of En-gedi. 2 So Saul chose 3,000 elite troops from all Israel and went to search for David and his men near the rocks of the wild goats. 3 At the place where the road passes some sheepfolds, Saul went into a cave to relieve himself. But as it happened, David and his men were hiding farther back in that very cave! 4 “Now’s your opportunity!” David’s men whispered to him. “Today the Lord is telling you, ‘I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.’” So David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul’s robe. 5 But then David’s conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul’s robe. 6 He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn’t attack the Lord’s anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him.”

7 So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul. After Saul had left the cave and gone on his way, 8 David came out and shouted after him, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked around, David bowed low before him. 9 Then he shouted to Saul, “Why do you listen to the people who say I am trying to harm you? 10 This very day you can see with your own eyes it isn’t true. For the Lord placed you at my mercy back there in the cave. Some of my men told me to kill you, but I spared you. For I said, ‘I will never harm the king — he is the Lord’s anointed one.’ 11 Look, my father, at what I have in my hand. It is a piece of the hem of your robe! I cut it off, but I didn’t kill you. This proves that I am not trying to harm you and that I have not sinned against you, even though you have been hunting for me to kill me. 12 “May the Lord judge between us. Perhaps the Lord will punish you for what you are trying to do to me, but I will never harm you. 13 As that old proverb says, ‘From evil people come evil deeds.’ So you can be sure I will never harm you. 14 Who is the king of Israel trying to catch anyway? Should he spend his time chasing one who is as worthless as a dead dog or a single flea? 15 May the Lord therefore judge which of us is right and punish the guilty one. He is my advocate, and he will rescue me from your power!”

16 When David had finished speaking, Saul called back, “Is that really you, my son David?” Then he began to cry. 17 And he said to David, “You are a better man than I am, for you have repaid me good for evil. 18 Yes, you have been amazingly kind to me today, for when the Lord put me in a place where you could have killed me, you didn’t do it. 19 Who else would let his enemy get away when he had him in his power? May the Lord reward you well for the kindness you have shown me today. 20 And now I realize that you are surely going to be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will flourish under your rule. 21 Now swear to me by the Lord that when that happens you will not kill my family and destroy my line of descendants!” 22 So David promised this to Saul with an oath. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went back to their stronghold.

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### The Lord Guides and Protects



MEMORY VERSE: "I look up to the mountains — does my help come from there?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!" Psalm 121:1-2



2 SAMUEL 5:1-16

God Blesses His People

1. Fifteen years after being anointed, David finally became king, and he immediately faced opposition. How did the Jebusites harass him? vv. 6-7 What did David do? vv. 8-9

2. Why did David become more and more powerful as king? v. 10 What did David realize about WHY God confirmed him as king and blessed his kingdom? v. 12

3. God always wants to bless His people. He blessed David individually and used David to bless the Israelites. If you are a follower of Jesus, He wants to do the same for you! How have you seen God bless you and use you to be a blessing to others?



2 SAMUEL 5:17-25

God Guided and Protected David

4. Why do you think David had success both times over the Philistines? vv. 19, 23  
Is there anything in your life right now that you are facing that you need to bring to God and ask Him for guidance? Take a minute to pray for that right now.

5. When David obeyed God's instructions, what was the result? How do these examples of the way God helped David impact your faith in God?

6. Who did David give credit to for their defeat over the Philistines? v. 20 Why do you think it's important to give God credit?



## PSALM 121

## God Guides and Protects Us

7. Read Psalm 121. What do verses 1-2 tell us about how to get help?

8. What does God promise to do for believers in this Psalm?

9. How does knowing that God does not sleep:  
help you feel protected and secure?

help you when you are stressed, anxious, sad, lonely...?

10. The God of the universe wants to be YOUR Helper! How does that make you feel? How can you rely on God as your helper in your life right now?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

As soon as David became king, he was faced with opposition. David brought his troubles to God, and asked for His help and guidance, and the Lord protected him and was his Helper. David saw success in everything he did. Not because he didn't face any opposition, he faced a TON of it! God doesn't always take away our troubles, but He does help us, through them and protects us if we too are in relationship with Him.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord who made the heavens and the earth, thank You for watching over me and protecting me. Thank you for wanting to be in a relationship with me. May I trust Your words in the Bible and believe them with all my heart forever. May I see Your mighty hand in my life. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



What does David show us that having a relationship with God looks like? What does your relationship with God look like? Or what do you want it to look like?

## 2 Samuel 5:1-12; 17-25 & Psalm 121 (NLT)

1 Then all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron and told him, "We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one who really led the forces of Israel. And the Lord told you, 'You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel's leader.'" 3 So there at Hebron, King David made a covenant before the Lord with all the elders of Israel. And they anointed him king of Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in all. 5 He had reigned over Judah from Hebron for seven years and six months, and from Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

6 David then led his men to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there. The Jebusites taunted David, saying, "You'll never get in here! Even the blind and lame could keep you out!" For the Jebusites thought they were safe. 7 But David captured the fortress of Zion, which is now called the City of David. 8 On the day of the attack, David said to his troops, "I hate those 'lame' and 'blind' Jebusites. Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel." That is the origin of the saying, "The blind and the lame may not enter the house." 9 So David made the fortress his home, and he called it the City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. 10 And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him. 11 Then King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar timber and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built David a palace. 12 And David realized that the Lord had confirmed him as king over Israel and had blessed his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

17 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king of Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he went into the stronghold. 18 The Philistines arrived and spread out across the valley of Rephaim. 19 So David asked the Lord, "Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The Lord replied to David, "Yes, go ahead. I will certainly hand them over to you." 20 So David went to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. "The Lord did it!" David exclaimed. "He burst through my enemies like a raging flood!" So he named that place Baal-perazim (which means "the Lord who bursts through"). 21 The Philistines had abandoned their idols there, so David and his men confiscated them. 22 But after a while the Philistines returned and again spread out across the valley of Rephaim. 23 And again David asked the Lord what to do. "Do not attack them straight on," the Lord replied. "Instead, circle around behind and attack them near the poplar trees. 24 When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, be on the alert! That will be the signal that the Lord is moving ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army." 25 So David did what the Lord commanded, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

### Psalm 121

1 I look up to the mountains — does my help come from there?  
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!  
3 He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber.  
4 Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.  
5 The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. 6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.  
7 The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.  
8 The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

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### God's Holiness



MEMORY VERSE: "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name." Luke 1:49



#### 2 SAMUEL 6:1-11      Respect God's Holiness

Under Saul, worship of the Lord had declined. David loved God and wanted all the Israelites to worship Him again. To do that David wanted to bring the long-neglected **ark of the covenant** into his new city so that the Lord, the true King over Israel, was once again in the midst of His people.

1. See definition of the **ark**. Read verses 1-11. What terrible incident happened upon arriving at Nacon? v. 6
2. Are you shocked by what happened to Uzzah? God had already warned the people of Israel that touching the ark would result in death. The ark was only to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites (priests), but David chose to use a cart instead. What does this incident teach about obedience? True reverence? God's power?
3. God is both tender in His love and fierce in His righteous anger. Why do you think that is? How do you think we can maintain the right attitude toward our Holy God?



#### 2 SAMUEL 6:12-23      Worship God

4. What was different about the second attempt to move the ark than the first? vv. 12-15
5. How did David's wife, Michal, view his celebrating? vv. 16 How did David defend himself? v. 21
6. List some of the examples of worship that David shows us in these verses. What are ways we can worship Him?



7. Once David was settled in the palace, what started to bother him? v. 2
8. Read verses 4-16. David was not at fault for wanting to honor God with a temple but it wasn't in God's timing. Who did He promise would build His temple instead? vv. 12-13
9. David was so filled with gratitude and concern for God's glory that he wanted to do something special for God. How do you express your gratitude to God?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David loved God very much, and he worshiped and served Him well. But even this man after God's own heart had to learn how to properly honor, our Holy God. It is all too easy to treat God the way the world treats Him- casually, disrespectfully, or dismissively. But God wants us to serve Him in HIS way - with reverence and obedience and love. Like David, we sometimes get ideas about something great we want to do for God, but good intentions don't necessarily bring God's blessing. God took David from tending sheep to leading His people as King. If you serve God faithfully wherever you are, God will do mighty things in your life too.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Holy Father,  
I am humbled to learn more about Your Holiness. You are powerful and perfect. I pray that I would honor You with my actions and that I would have a proper attitude towards You. Help me to follow Your commands for my life and to bring my decisions to You. I believe that Your way is the best way. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



Why is it so important to follow God's directions/commands for our life?

## 2 Samuel 6:1 - 7:16 (NLT)

1 Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all. 2 He led them to Baalah of Judah to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, who is enthroned between the cherubim. 3 They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the cart 4 that carried the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. 5 David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments — lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. 6 But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. 7 Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God. 8 David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today. 9 David was now afraid of the Lord, and he asked, "How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?" 10 So David decided not to move the Ark of the Lord into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. 11 The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

12 Then King David was told, "The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. 13 After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

### Michal's Contempt for David

16 But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him. 17 They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord. 18 When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 19 Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. 20 When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" 21 David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. 22 Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!" 23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

### 2 Samuel 7:1-16 The Lord's Covenant Promise to David

1 When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, 2 the king summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look," David said, "I am living

## 2 Samuel 6:1 - 7:16 (NLT)

in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!” 3 Nathan replied to the king, “Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.” 4 But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, 5 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? 6 I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. 7 Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel’s tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?”’ 8 “Now go and say to my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! 10 And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won’t oppress them as they’ve done in the past, 11 starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

“Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you — a dynasty of kings! 12 For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. 13 He is the one who will build a house — a temple — for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. 15 But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. 16 Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.”

**Ark of the Covenant** - a chest that Moses built in the wilderness that represented the immediate presence and glory of God to the people of Israel. It contained the stone tablets (10 Commandments), a jar of manna, and the rod of Aaron. God was not inside the chest, but the chest was a place where God could meet with His people.

**Reverence** - honor and respect that is deeply felt and outwardly demonstrated. Because of the Lord God’s awesome power and majesty, He is deserving of the highest level of reverence.



### God's Kindness



MEMORY VERSE: "How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!" 2 Samuel 7:22



2 SAMUEL 7:18-22

David's Prayer of Gratitude

1. God promised David that his family line would last forever - a dynasty. David's line remained unbroken from father to son until it was completely fulfilled at the birth of Jesus. Based on our definition, what does God being Sovereign mean for your life?
2. What is the 1st thing David did after hearing God's promise to him? How does he speak of himself? How does he speak of God? v. 18
3. Read verses 19-22. David is overflowing with humility and gratitude. What do you think it looks like to be humble before God?



2 SAMUEL 8:13-15; 9:1-5

A Kind and Just King

4. Read verses 13-15. David knew his success was not because he was great, but because his God was great. Where do you need to rely on God's strength and power instead of your own?
5. What does David want to do? vv. 1-5
6. What does it mean to show God's kindness?



7. What did David do to honor Jonathan's family and show God's kindness?
8. How did this help Ziba and his family as well?
9. What kind of impact do you think this had on all the various people that received God's kindness through David?
10. What are some specific ways you have seen God's love and kindness to you this week?  
How might you show God's love and kindness to others?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David says that God brought all this good because He promised it, and because it was in His will. David then, in a Christlike manner, does the same thing. He shares the 'Kindness of God' because he promised Saul he would and because it is God's will. May you soak up the goodness and kindness of God in your life and share it with others as well! You will be blessed just as David was if you do!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,  
Thank you for your Kindness. There really is no one like You. I pray that Your will would be done in my life. Help me to recognize all the success and blessings in my life are from You. And help me share Your love and kindness with others the same way You have shown your love and kindness to me. In Your Holy Name I pray,  
Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



In the last lesson, we learned about God's Holiness. In this lesson, we learn about God's kindness. It is pretty incredible that we have a God like this. Reread the Bible verse. What does this verse mean to you personally after studying David so far?

## 2 Samuel 7:18-22; 8:13-15; 9:1-13 (NLT)

18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and prayed, "Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And now, Sovereign Lord, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign Lord?"

20 "What more can I say to you? You know what your servant is really like, Sovereign Lord. 21 Because of your promise and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them known to your servant.

22 "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!

13 So David became even more famous when he returned from destroying 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 14 He placed army garrisons throughout Edom, and all the Edomites became David's subjects. In fact, the Lord made David victorious wherever he went. 15 So David reigned over all Israel and did what was just and right for all his people.

1 One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive — anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked. "Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied. 3 The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. "In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel." 5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home.

6 His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth." Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant." 7 "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!" 8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) 11 Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded." And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. 13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

**Sovereign** - God has complete power and authority; God has the power, wisdom, and authority to do anything He chooses within His creation. All things come from and depend upon God.

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### David Sins Against God



MEMORY VERSE: "But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9



#### 2 SAMUEL 12:1-6 Nathan Tells a Story

1. Nathan was a prophet, one who hears God's voice and helps people understand God's words. He told a story to David to help him understand that he had sinned. vv. 1-4  
How did the poor man treat his little sheep? What did the rich man do when a guest arrived at his home?

2. Why do you think the rich man did this to the poor man's lamb when he had such wealth and so many sheep of his own?

3. How did David think the rich man should be punished? What do you think?



#### 2 SAMUEL 12:7-10 Consequences of David's Sin

4. Sometimes being a prophet means saying difficult things. What did Nathan tell David? vv. 7-8

5. What was David's "horrible deed?" vv. 9  
What would be the consequence of David's sin? vv. 10

6. Considering how many blessings David had from the Lord, why do you think he didn't just ask God for what he wanted?



7. In verse 13, what did David say about what he had done? Why do you think that when we sin, it is "against the Lord?"

8. David wrote Psalm 51 during this time.  
What did he say about God's Character?

What was David asking God for?

9. What do we learn from how David repents in this Psalm?

10. Knowing David's repentant heart, what did Nathan tell him God would do? God forgave David but didn't take away his consequences. Why is that? Is this the same for us?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Even David, a man after God's own heart, is a sinner. David has seemed so perfect up to this point, but the fact is, no one but God is perfect. Sin is so hard and yucky, but as humans, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. But when we confess our sins to God, He forgives us! Jesus died for us because we are sinners. You can't be perfect but you can bring your sin before God and let Him wash you clean!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus my Savior, because of my faith in you when I confess my sins to You, You promise to forgive me and make me right with You again! Make me strong with the help of your Holy Spirit to follow the way of the Bible. Thank You for always listening when I call out to you. I love You. In the great name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



David genuinely repented. David is a good example to us. When confronted with our sin, we should immediately repent without offering any excuse. Especially since we know that God is loving, merciful, and wants to forgive us!

How does this lesson inspire or challenge you in your own life?

## 2 Samuel 12:1-13; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12(NLT)

2 Samuel 12:1-6 Nathan Rebukes David

1 So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. 2 The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. 3 The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. 4 One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest." 5 David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity."

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. 9 Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. 10 From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own."

13 Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin."

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.  
Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.  
2 Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.  
3 For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.  
4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.  
You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

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### The Good Shepherd



MEMORY VERSE: "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6



PSALM 23:1-3

The Good Shepherd Provides and Guides

Psalm 23 was written by King David who remembers his years tending sheep and recognizes the Lord as his Shepherd. David expresses his great confidence in the constant protection of a loving God. This Psalm has inspired a lot of people as it gives hope, assurance and guidance.

1. David describes the Lord as his Shepherd. What did David say he had because of his Shepherd (the Lord)? v. 1
2. What else does the Shepherd do for His sheep? vv. 2-3
3. Have you seen God, our Good Shepherd, work in your life this way? Do you feel that you have all that you need?



PSALM 23:4

The Good Shepherd Protects and Comforts

4. What does David say happens when he walks through dark, fearful times? Why? vv. 4
5. The rod and staff are tools the shepherd uses to scare off predatory animals and direct his sheep. Directing sheep sometimes implies correcting their path or disciplining them. How can God's correction and discipline in your life ultimately bring you comfort and peace?
6. When we are closer to God, we are safer and more at peace. Why do you think that is?





## PSALM 23:5-6

## The Good Shepherd Blesses

7. What does David say God does in the midst of real danger? v. 5a What do you think that means?
8. Read verse 5b. What does it mean for your cup to overflow with blessings? Even on your worst day, you will see God's blessings overflowing in your life if you look for them. Write down ways your cup has overflowed with blessings.
9. Read verse 6a. What does "pursue" mean? What do you think this verse looks like in your life?
10. What is the "House of the Lord" referring to? What do you think life will look like for believers in Heaven?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David saw both a lot of hardship and success in his life. However, Psalm 23 shows us how David credits God with guiding him and protecting Him along the way. God supplied every one of David's needs and He will do the same for you. Follow the Good Shepherd closely and your cup will overflow with blessings too!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord, Make me more like David, trusting in you as my Good Shepherd. Thank You for making sure I have all I need. Thank You for leading me, protecting me, making me strong, and taking care of my enemies. Help me trust You and go to you when I feel afraid. You are a good God, and I want to be close to You.

### WALK IN TRUTH






Psalm 23 is a beautiful picture of all the ways God provides for us. What is your favorite verse in this Psalm? Why?



## Psalm 23 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.
  - 2 He lets me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
  - 3 He renews my strength.  
He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.
  - 4 Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me.  
Your rod and your staff  
protect and comfort me.
  - 5 You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings.
  - 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the Lord  
forever.



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### God Over All Things



MEMORY VERSE: "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things." 1 Chronicles 29:11



1 CHRONICLES 28:2-7, 9

David's Advice to Solomon

1. David wanted to build a temple for God, but that was not God's plan. Why not? v. 3  
Who did God want to build the temple? v. 6

2. Read verse 7. Why do you think God says this? Do you notice a difference in your life when you follow God's commands and regulations?

3. What advice did David give to prepare his son to live wisely and fulfill God's plan? v. 9



1 CHRONICLES 29:1-5, 10-13

David Honored God with His Wealth

4. Read verses 1-3. Why did David say Solomon's task of building the temple would be such an enormous task? How do you think you would feel if you were Solomon?

5. Read verses 3-5. Do you feel that you are honoring God with your life and your possessions?

6. Read verses 10-13. What does David say is God's? v. 11 What comes from Him? v. 12

7. How might your life look different if you believed verses 10-13 with your whole heart?



## 1 CHRONICLES 29:26-28 David - A Man After God's Own Heart

8. How long was David the King? What does it say about his life?
9. Who does David give credit to for his life and success?  
What connection do you see between your daily choices and the legacy of your life?
10. God's promise to David to be King and lead His people was part of a bigger plan to send us His Son, Jesus Christ. His Son Jesus was a descendent of David and was the perfect sacrifice for our sins so that ALL who believe in Jesus can have life forever with Him. How do you think this plan includes YOU?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God's great plan was to make a great nation out of His people, the Israelites. David loved God and gave his life and wealth to honor God, and so he was blessed greatly. God used David to lead the Israelites, and He sent his Son Jesus through David's family line. David is part of the bigger story of God sending His Son to die on the cross for you and me! May you know God, follow Him as David does, and let Him use you to pass on the love and kindness of Jesus.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, Thank you for sending your Son for me. Lead me in the way I need to go each day and teach me to love Your commandments. I know they bring me life and keep me from harm. Help me to be more like David who lived with courage and kindness. I want to be known as he was, having a heart after the Lord. In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



As you think back on the life of David, how are you inspired, challenged or encouraged?

## 1 Chronicles 28:2-7, 9; 29:1-5, 10-13, 26-28 (NLT)

1 Chronicles 28:2-7, 9, 20 David's Instructions to Solomon

2 David rose to his feet and said: "My brothers and my people! It was my desire to build a Temple where the Ark of the Lord's Covenant, God's footstool, could rest permanently. I made the necessary preparations for building it, 3 but God said to me, 'You must not build a Temple to honor my name, for you are a warrior and have shed much blood.' 4 "Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, has chosen me from among all my father's family to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen the tribe of Judah to rule, and from among the families of Judah he chose my father's family. And from among my father's sons the Lord was pleased to make me king over all Israel. 5 And from among my sons — for the Lord has given me many — he chose Solomon to succeed me on the throne of Israel and to rule over the Lord's kingdom. 6 He said to me, 'Your son Solomon will build my Temple and its courtyards, for I have chosen him as my son, and I will be his father. 7 And if he continues to obey my commands and regulations as he does now, I will make his kingdom last forever.' 9 "And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever."

1 Chronicles 29:1-5, 10-13 Gifts for Building the Temple

1 Then King David turned to the entire assembly and said, "My son Solomon, whom God has clearly chosen as the next king of Israel, is still young and inexperienced. The work ahead of him is enormous, for the Temple he will build is not for mere mortals — it is for the Lord God himself! 2 Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. 3 "And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. 4 I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings 5 and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?"

10 Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly:

"O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. 13 "O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!"

1 Chronicles 29:26-28 Summary of David's Reign

26 So David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 He reigned over Israel for forty years, seven of them in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 28 He died at a ripe old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth, and honor. Then his son Solomon ruled in his place.

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