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Bible Studies

level 4

In the Books of 1 & 2 Samuel

Lesson No. 1

The Life of David - Choosing the King



1 Samuel 16: 1-13



Acts 13: 22

Suggested Further Reading

Psalm 78: 70-72

Acts 13: 20-23

David grew up during the reign of Israel's first king.

Read 1 Samuel 15: 1-3 and 10-11.

Who was the king and why had God rejected him?



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As a result, God sent His servant Samuel to anoint a new king to take his place.

WORD GRID

Complete the Word Grid by answering the questions and discover more about Samuel's mission.

1. What country did the king reign over?
2. What did Samuel say he had come to do?
3. What did the elders do on seeing Samuel?
4. Who did Samuel say would kill him?
5. To whom did God send Samuel?
6. What was the name of the town?

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Now circle in the Word Grid the name of God's servant.

Each of Jesse's sons stood before Samuel.

Check those mentioned, and circle how many sons he had altogether.

- Eliab
 Shamgar
 Elias
 Abinadab
 Shammah
 Abednego

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What was it about the eldest son that attracted Samuel?

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What does the Lord regard as more important than our appearance?

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Our physical appearance can often fool others, but we cannot deceive God! He knows what we are really like. He knows whether our hearts are right in His sight.

None of Jesse's sons whom Samuel saw so far, was God's choice!

Answer these questions and give the verse numbers in which the answers are found.

1) Who was to be king?

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2) What job was he doing when God chose him?

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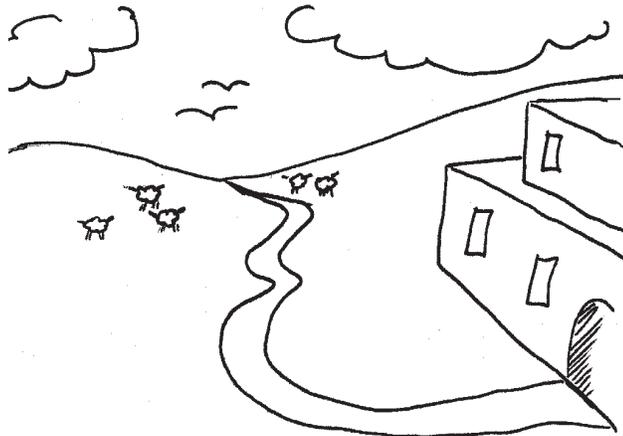
What did God say to Samuel when the new king stood before him?

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Write out from the Key Verse what God said about David.

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As David stood before Samuel, God's own heart rejoiced! As He had watched this young lad growing up, He had heard and seen things which really pleased Him. David loved God and always wanted to obey Him. David also had great faith in God.



This made him very different from Saul!

What a good example for us!

We too, should trust and obey the Lord.

Fill in the missing words to discover what Samuel did to David.

Then Samuel took the horn of _____ and _____ David in front of his _____ .

Immediately the _____ of the _____ came upon _____ in power.

After this _____ went to _____ .

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Lesson No. 2

The Life of David - Conquering the Giant



1 Samuel 16: 14-19
17: 12-52

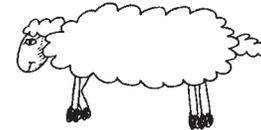
Suggested Further Reading
Psalm 108: 12-13 **1 Corinthians 15: 57** **Ephesians 6: 10-18**



1 Samuel 17: 47

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Following Samuel’s visit, David continued to look after his father’s sheep. However, we learn in **1 Samuel 16: 14-19** how David served King Saul, both by playing the harp and carrying his armour.



Read 1 Samuel 16: 18 and write out the **LAST** thing that Saul’s servant said about David.

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This was more important than anything else!

Now while David was in Saul’s service, the Philistines prepared to attack Israel, and his three eldest brothers joined the army to fight them. From time to time, David would have to return home to care for his father’s sheep.

CROSSWORD

Complete the Crossword to learn about David being sent by his father to visit his brothers at the battle front.

Clues Down

- 1. These were taken to his brother’s captain.
- 3. “He has defied the armies of the _____ God”.
- 4. The number of loaves taken.
- 7. The name of the Philistine.
- 8. The valley where the armies met.
- 11. The number of days the giant challenged the Israelites.

Clues Across

- 2. David’s eldest brother.
- 5. David’s father.
- 6. The Philistine appeared morning and _____ .
- 9. David took these to his brothers.
- 10. David left these.
- 12. The relative of Saul, who would be given in marriage.

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Everyone was afraid of the Philistine giant, but what did David say to Saul when the king sent for him?

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Read verse 37. Why did David feel able to face the Philistine?

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Answer **TRUE** or **FALSE**, giving a verse number to prove your answer:-

David killed a lion and a wolf. _____ verse _____

David tried on Saul's armour. _____ verse _____

David took Saul's sword to meet Goliath. _____ verse _____

David chose four smooth stones from a brook. _____ verse _____

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What did Goliath say to David when he first saw him?

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As you read verses 45-47, write out one phrase from EACH verse which shows that David was fully trusting in the Lord and not in his own strength.

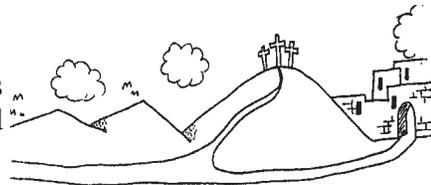
verse 45:

verse 46:

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So David triumphed over Goliath and gained a great victory for his king and people. Upon the cross at Calvary, the Lord Jesus Christ gained an even greater victory over Satan to make it possible for us to be saved. If we believe in Him and receive Him as our Lord and Saviour, we can know His victory in our lives over sin and Satan.



Once we are saved, Satan, like Goliath, stands and challenges us, putting temptations before us to cause us to sin. We need to be like David and trust in the power of the Lord to help and deliver us. In the New Testament, Paul likened the Christian's life to a battle and he emphasized the need for us to wear 'the whole armour of God'. (Read [Ephesians 6: 10-18](#).)

Write out **Ephesians 6: 10** to discover in whose strength we can have victory.

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Who is the enemy we face?

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When Paul writes about 'the sword of the Spirit', verse 17, what is he referring to?

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Lesson No. 3

The Life of David - Coping with Problems



*1 Samuel 18: 1-23
19: 1-18*

Suggested Further Reading
 Psalm 139: 7-12 Psalm 140: 1-8 Romans 12: 17-21



Key Verses Hebrews 13: 5 & 6

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David's victory over Goliath brought him into great favour with King Saul. He brought David into his own house, where David became a very close friend of his son.

Name David's friend.

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What did Saul's son do to show how real and lasting their friendship was?

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David had many successes as a soldier and was promoted by the king. However, once when David returned from battle, the women of Israel praised him more than the king.

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This made King Saul very angry. What was he afraid would happen next?

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Pride and envy are two awful sins we must all avoid! We see in this story how such sins lead to even greater sins.

What did Saul then try to do to David? (1 Samuel 18: 10 & 11)

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Twice in verses 10-16, a phrase occurs which gives the reason for David's protection and success in battle, as well as for Saul's fear of him.

Write out the phrase and give the verse numbers where it occurs.

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God was honouring David's faith and He was keeping him safe as Israel's future king. Every believer in the Lord Jesus is given the assurance of His presence.



Write out God's promise from the Key Verses and also what we can say as a result.

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It seemed that David had to overcome one problem after another!

WORD SEARCH

Answer the following clues AND circle them in the Word Search to learn what Saul planned next! (1 Samuel 18: 17-23)

They are found up, down, forwards, backwards and diagonally.

1. Saul told David he could marry _____ his elder daughter.
2. In return, David was to fight the _____ of the Lord.
3. But Saul gave her to _____.
4. His other daughter _____ fell in love with David.
5. When Saul offered her to David for his wife, David described himself as _____.
6. Saul hoped that by David fighting the Philistines, they would _____ him.

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Starting with the circled letter and moving left to right down the Word Search, use the remaining letters to discover why once more, Saul’s evil plot had failed and David was again victorious.

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As we read Chapter 19 we note that Saul is STILL seeking to kill David! Satan, like Saul, never gives up! He is always trying to tempt us and to destroy our lives by such things as alcohol, drugs and immorality. His aim is to make our lives difficult and unhappy, especially if we are Christians. David did not repay evil with evil!

From what Jonathan said to his father in defence of David (1 Samuel 19: 4 & 5), describe in what ways David had been faithful to the king.

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Despite Saul’s promise to Jonathan (see verse 6), he tries again to pin David to the wall with his spear. Describe IN YOUR OWN WORDS how David’s wife helped him to escape.

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Our lives may not be constantly threatened as David’s was, but we all face trials and difficulties. David’s faith in God enabled him to cope and not give up!

Do you know the personal friendship of the Lord Jesus and His presence with you day by day, helping you to face life’s problems?

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Lesson No. 4

The Life of David - Caring for Others



1 Samuel 20: 12-17 & 42
2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Suggested Further Reading
2 Samuel 4: 4 Ephesians 2: 1-10



2 Samuel 9: 1

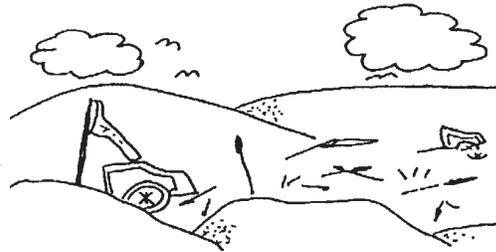
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David's life still was in great danger from Saul, as you will discover by reading 1 Samuel 20. Due to Saul's outrage and desire to kill David, Jonathan warned David. Before they parted from one another, Jonathan made David promise to do something.

Read 1 Samuel 20: 14 & 15 and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what this promise was.

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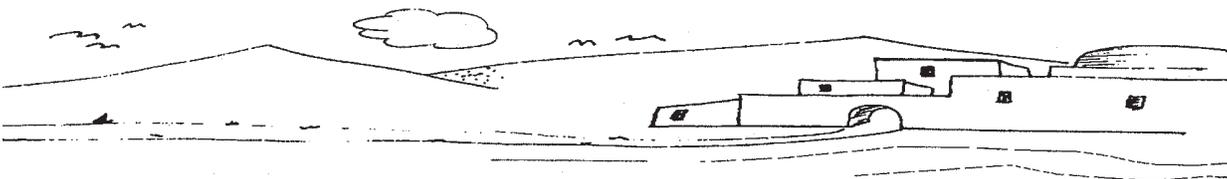
From this time on until David became king, he was a hunted man. Yet twice he spared Saul's life when he could have easily killed him. (See 1 Samuel 24 and 26.) Then one day David heard the tragic news that both Saul and Jonathan had died in battle. As a result, he was made king, first over Judah (2 Samuel 2) and then over the whole of Israel, reigning in all for 40 years and 6 months.



Our second Bible Reading is an account of something which David did during his reign. One day he was thinking about the promise he had made some years before to Jonathan.

What did David want to do?

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Cross out the **WRONG** words to discover what happened next.

David spoke to **ZIMRI / ZIBA / ZADOK**, a **SERVANT / SOLDIER / SINGER** of Saul's household, about his wish. He learned that Jonathan had a **SON / DAUGHTER** who was **BLIND / LEPROUS / LAME**. He was living in **MACHIR / LODEBAR / AMMIEL**.

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Look up 2 Samuel 4: 4 and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what had happened to Jonathan's son when he was only five!

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Answer **YES** or **NO** to the following statements:-

- Jonathan’s son was called Mephibosheth. _____
- When he arrived, he just stood before the king. _____
- When he saw David he was afraid. _____

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Write down, from verse 7, three things which David said to Jonathan’s son.

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From the answers to the following questions, re-arrange the letters indicated in brackets to discover a **KEY WORD**.

- 1. What position did Saul have over Ziba? His _____ (6th letter)
- 2. How did Mephibosheth describe himself? A _____ (3rd and 7th letters)
- 3. Where would he always sit? At the king’s _____ (5th letter)
- 4. What was Mephibosheth’s son called? _____ (3rd letter)

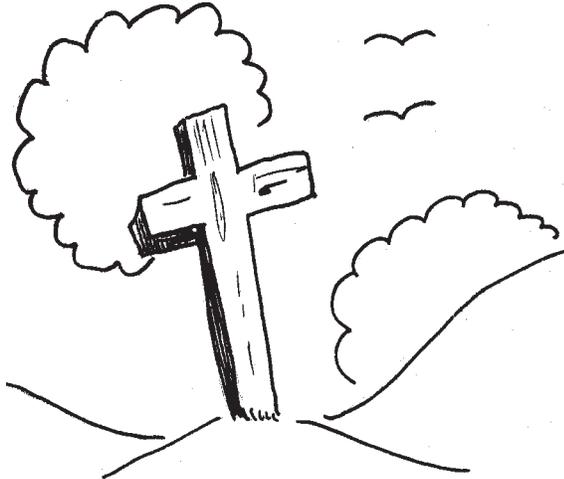
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The **KEY WORD** is

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This **Key Word** means KINDNESS shown to an undeserving person for the sake of someone else.

David showed this kindness towards Mephibosheth because of his great love for his father Jonathan. This is a picture of God’s Salvation. He shows His loving kindness towards us, through the Lord Jesus.



We are helpless like Mephibosheth because of our sin. Yet when we put our trust in the Lord Jesus, God will not only forgive us, but will bring us into His family and richly bless us! This is not because we deserve it, but it is because of who the Lord Jesus is, and what He did upon the cross.

As we consider David’s life, we see his heart was right, and his faith in God was strong. He trusted God in every situation, good or bad, and expressed His love towards others.

May we desire to know and serve the Lord Jesus in a similar way!

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