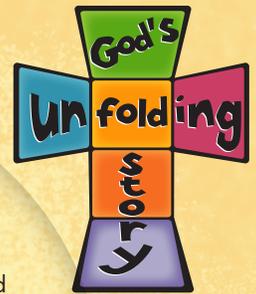


Unit Overview

David



In the Old Testament, God chose Israel to be the nation and people through which He would reveal Himself to the world. Israel's track record of faithfulness to God was mixed, at best, when the people demanded a king to rule over them. Saul proved to be a poor king—a leader who personally and corporately failed to obey God. Then God chose David to be king. David was a man after the Lord's own heart. Overall, even though he was far from perfect, David demonstrated a consistent loyalty to God and an ability to lead the nation according to His laws. David was a man of courage, faith, and capable leadership. The Bible studies in this unit highlight several events that reflect this truth. Even preschoolers can understand many of the lessons that arise from David's life.

Kingdom Perspective

Generally speaking, King David sought to honor the Lord, even wanting to build a temple so His people would have a permanent place to worship. God chose David's son for this task, but He took the initiative to establish in David's line a legacy that that would culminate in the eternal reign of His only Son, Jesus Christ. God therefore used an earthly kingdom to introduce His heavenly kingdom to the world—and to invite people to experience His grace so they might become His kingdom subjects.

Lesson 1: "David Was a Shepherd Boy" (1 Sam. 16:6-12; 17:12-15,34-36)
Bible Truth: God will help me.

Lesson 3: "David and the Giant" (1 Samuel 17)
Bible Truth: God is my strength and my help.

Lesson 2: "David Was Called as King" (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
Bible Truth: God knows my thoughts and the reasons for my behavior.

Lesson 4: "David and Jonathan" (1 Samuel 18; 1-4; 19:1-3; 20:14-17,41)
Bible Truth: God wants me to love and be kind to my friends.

Lesson 5: "David the King" (2 Samuel 5:3-4; 7:1-16; 9:1-13)
Bible Truth: God will help me do what is right.

Making the Most of the "David" Unit from God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be downloaded from SundaySchoolZone.com. In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on the website that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

- The Session Schedule
- God's Unfolding Story Cube
- Lesson Components
- Who Developed this Stuff?
- Parents Connect
- Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?
- Materials and Supplies
- What We Believe
- God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers Study Plan
- Preschoolers are Incredible People!
- Where Is this Going?