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LESSON OVERVIEW

BE LOYAL LIKE KING DAVID

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How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Two to four decks of playing cards, depending on class size (game)
- Two medium-size bowls (game)
- White Cardstock and White Paper
- Laminating supplies or Contact Paper
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)
- Printables

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): 1 SAMUEL 16 & 18 ABBREVIATED

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



1 SAMUEL 16

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

Samuel went near to the home of Jesse, who had seven sons. David was the youngest. ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

It was shortly after this that David killed the giant Goliath. He became a hero in Israel, so much so that King Saul had become insanely jealous of David’s fame.

1 SAMUEL 18

⁶When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. ⁷As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”



1 SAMUEL 18 (continued)

⁸ Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” ⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I’ll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul.

¹³ So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴ In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

¹⁷ Saul said to David, “Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the Lord.” For Saul said to himself, “I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!”

¹⁸ But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my clan in Israel, that I should become the king’s son-in-law?” ¹⁹ So when the time came for Merab, Saul’s daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.

²⁰ Now Saul’s daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. ²¹ “I will give her to him,” he thought, “so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David, “Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law.”

²² Then Saul ordered his attendants: “Speak to David privately and say, ‘Look, the king likes you, and his attendants all love you; now become his son-in-law.’”

²³ They repeated these words to David. But David said, “Do you think it is a small matter to become the king’s son-in-law? I’m only a poor man and little known.”

²⁴ When Saul’s servants told him what David had said, ²⁵ Saul replied, “Say to David, ‘The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’” Saul’s plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines.

²⁶ When the attendants told David these things, he was pleased to become the king’s son-in-law. So before the allotted time elapsed, ²⁷ David took his men with him and went out and killed two hundred Philistines and brought back their foreskins. They counted out the full number to the king so that David might become the king’s son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

²⁸ When Saul realized that the Lord was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, ²⁹ Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days.

Questions for Children

1. King Saul was jealous of David. Was does jealous mean? *It means someone wishes they were you, or they wish they had something that you have.* **Have you ever had someone be jealous of you? What happened? Have you ever been jealous of somebody else? Have you ever been with someone who had something you didn't, but that you really wanted? What sort of feelings rose up inside of you?**

2. Beware of certain labels you may hear in school or in a social group. As soon as someone says, "She's a snob," or "He's stuck up," beware. Generally, this means that someone has either a talent or a wardrobe or an appearance that others are jealous of. This could be the nicest person in the world, but jealous people will use these terms to describe them. Have you known anybody who's been labeled in this way? Did you believe it automatically or give the person a chance?

3. This is a great lesson on not judging by appearances. God didn't. David had seven big brothers who were all handsome, strong, and looked right for the job as king. What were some of David's traits when he was anointed as the future king by Samuel the prophet? *He was the youngest, 17, and he'd been out in the fields tending sheep.* **Let's discuss how we can get in the habit of looking past people's appearances into their hearts.** *One way is to commit to watching people's actions instead of their looks or gifts.*



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

David sure was a surprise to everyone—including Samuel—when God whispered to anoint him king. God had looked beyond David's age and appearance. God knew he had the best heart of all the brothers in the family.

After David defeated Goliath, King Saul became jealous and made David's life miserable. The chapter we read last, 1 Samuel 18, shows the start of what would be a hard time for David that lasted more than a decade. Saul kept trying to kill him, and he had to run and hide for his life.

In the chapters that followed, David ended up hiding in caves and earning his food by policing the farmlands in the wilderness with some of his loyal friends. He had a chance to kill King Saul a couple of times and refused to disrespect the king—who was trying to kill him!

Have you ever had evil done to you but refused to return it with more evil, because you knew it was wrong? If so, your heart is growing to be like David's.

David killed Goliath when he was 17, shortly after Samuel had secretly anointed him as the next king. He likely thought naively. He likely thought that killing Goliath would make King Saul give him his crown, or that King Saul would die shortly.

David did not become king until he was 30. Thirteen years is a long time to wait! Especially while running and hiding. There may have been times when David's heart grew tired, when he wanted to say, "Thanks a LOT, God! This is NOT the same as being a famous and important king!"

But each day, God not only renewed David's strength, but built it. It was during this time that David wrote a lot of the Psalms, passages about his trust in God that are still sung today. When his trials finally ended, he reigned as king of Israel for longer than he had been alive beforehand.

If we want to be like David, we must not lose heart when we go through a tough time. We should remember him, as well as the early leaders for Christ whom he influenced 1,000 years later. James 1 opens with this: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.





MATERIALS:

- Magnifying Glass Printable Craft (one page)
- White Cardstock and White Paper
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Laminating supplies or Contact Paper



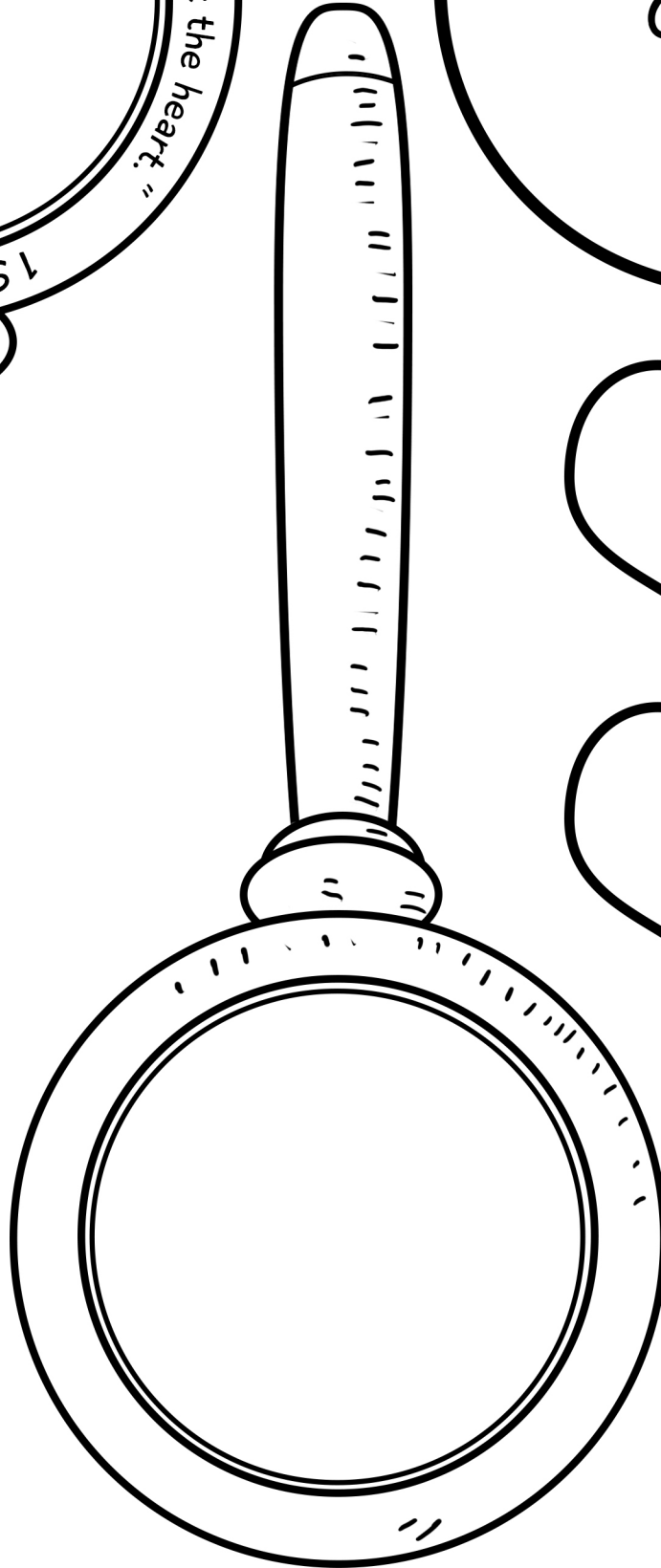
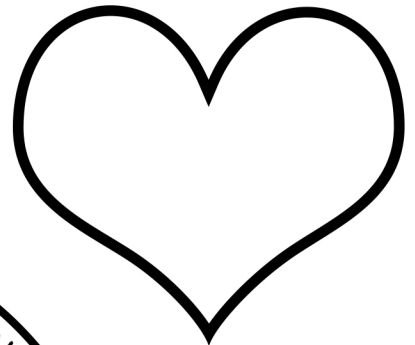
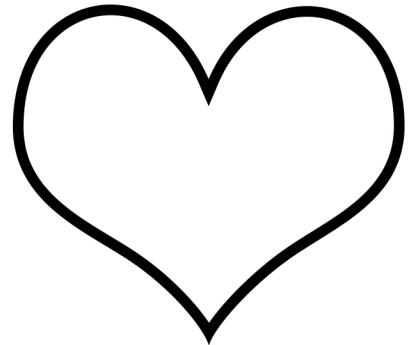
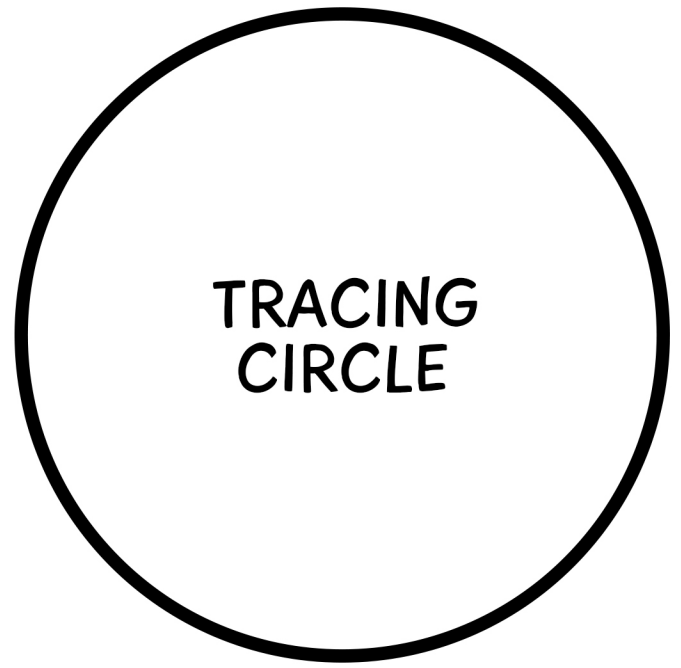
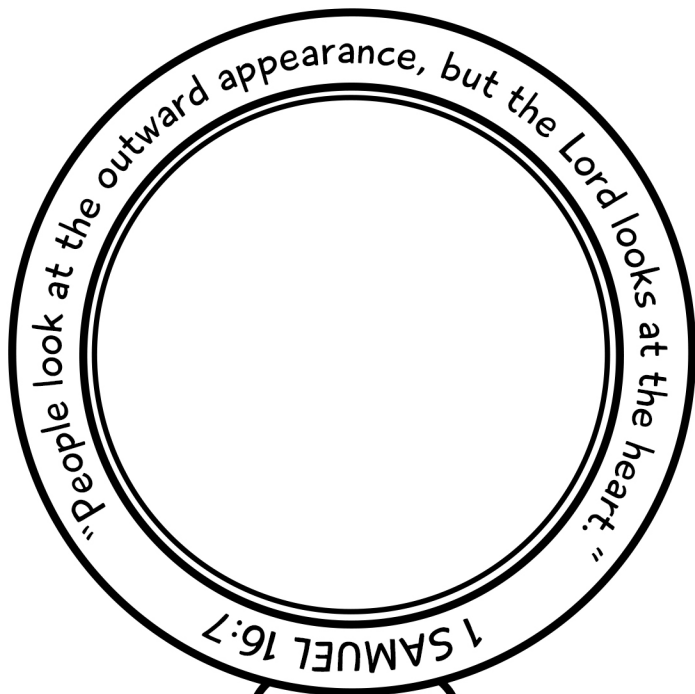
PREPARATION:

- Print one copy of Printable Magnifying Glass for each student

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color page as desired
2. Carefully cut out magnifying glass, magnifying glass center, hearts, and tracing circle.
3. Using tracing circle, cut out two circles of contact paper.
4. Glue two hearts to each other, color side facing out.
5. Peel backing off one circle of contact paper and center heart on sticky side. Peel backing of other circle of contact paper and place on top of heart, sandwiching heart between two layers
6. Glue contact paper circle with heart to inside of magnifying glass front.
7. Add glue to magnifying glass back and attach to magnifying glass front, color side facing out. The contact paper circle with heart should now be between the two magnifying glass pieces.





HOLE IN ONE

As the students work together, they will have a greater understanding of the value of the kind of patience King David had - and ways to implement it.



MATERIALS:

- Two-to-four decks of playing cards, depending on class size
- Two medium-size bowls



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If possible, divide the class into two even teams.
2. Have teams sit in two circles that are at least five feet wide.
3. Place a bowl in the middle of each circle.
4. Divide the decks of cards so that each student gets at least ten cards.
5. When you say "Go!" students will begin to toss their cards, one card at time, into the bowl.
6. They may only use one hand to toss the card.
7. If the card does not make it in the bowl, it must remain on the floor.
8. Once the students run out of cards, the round is over. Play as many rounds as you and your students wish, encouraging them to be patient while learning the correct way to toss the card at the bowl for a win.
9. Whichever team has the most cards in their bowl wins the round.

Objective:

Toss the most cards in the bowl.

Introduction:

King David had patience, believing in God's promises in spite of incredible odds against them coming to pass. If we want to be like David, we need to develop some patience. This game will help.

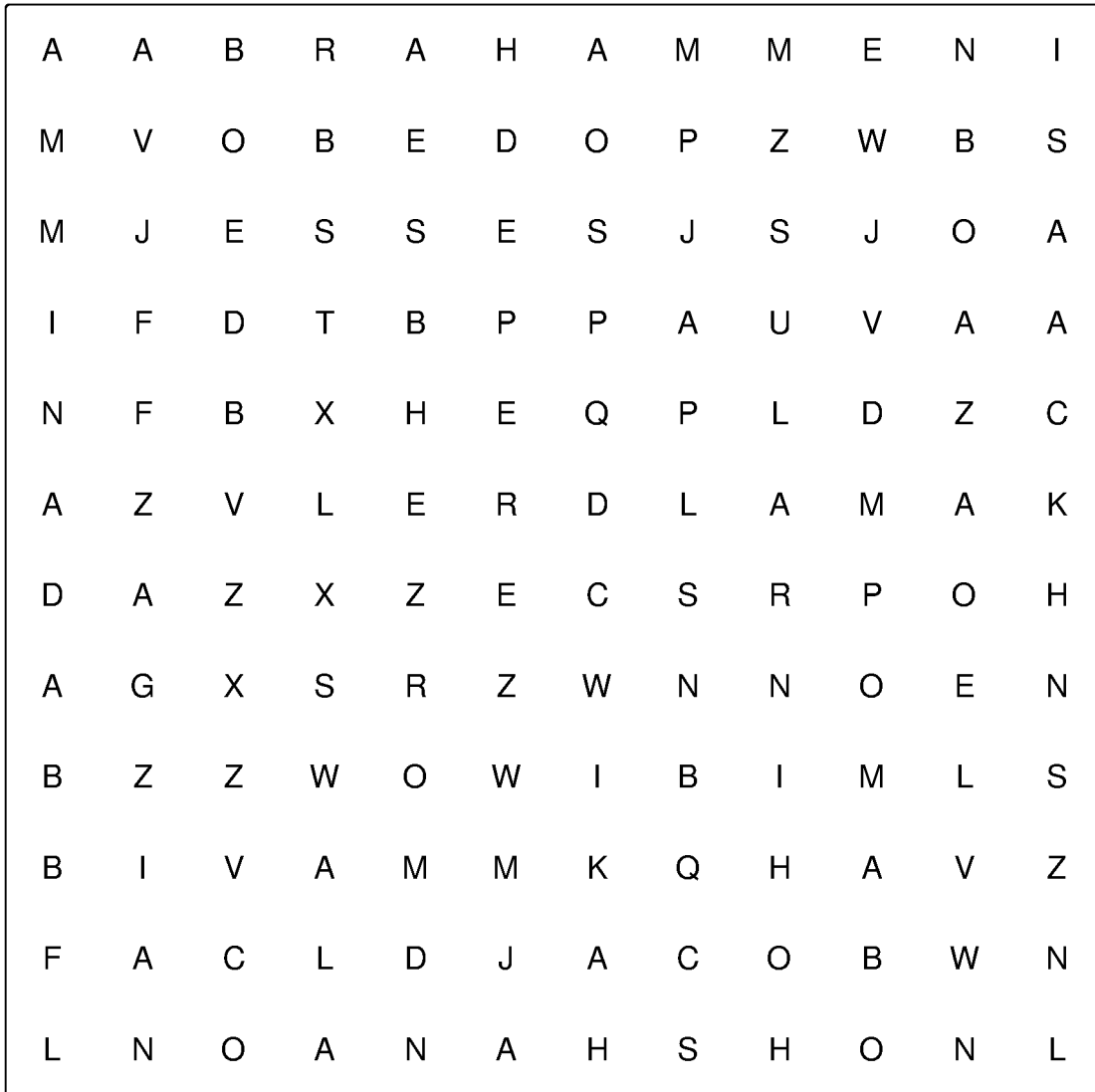
Conclusion:

This game is a bit like our real lives. Our trying to hit the bowl is like when we believe God has good things in mind for us. We may feel God has promised us leadership, success at a sport or instrument, or something else good for his glory. However, those first steps to move toward them are not easy! We may see no evidence of that coming success. We may see others leaping ahead of us in their abilities.

God always keeps his promises. If you are looking to follow his will like David, you can be sure God will bless those efforts - eventually showing the evidence of them!

WORD SEARCH

Instructions: Jesus was a direct descendant of King David's bloodline. Here are the names of their common line of ancestors. These names represent 14 generations and 1,000 years-- from David's father back to Abraham, the founder of Israel. Find their names in the puzzle below.



Words to Find:

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OBED
BOAZ
ISAAC

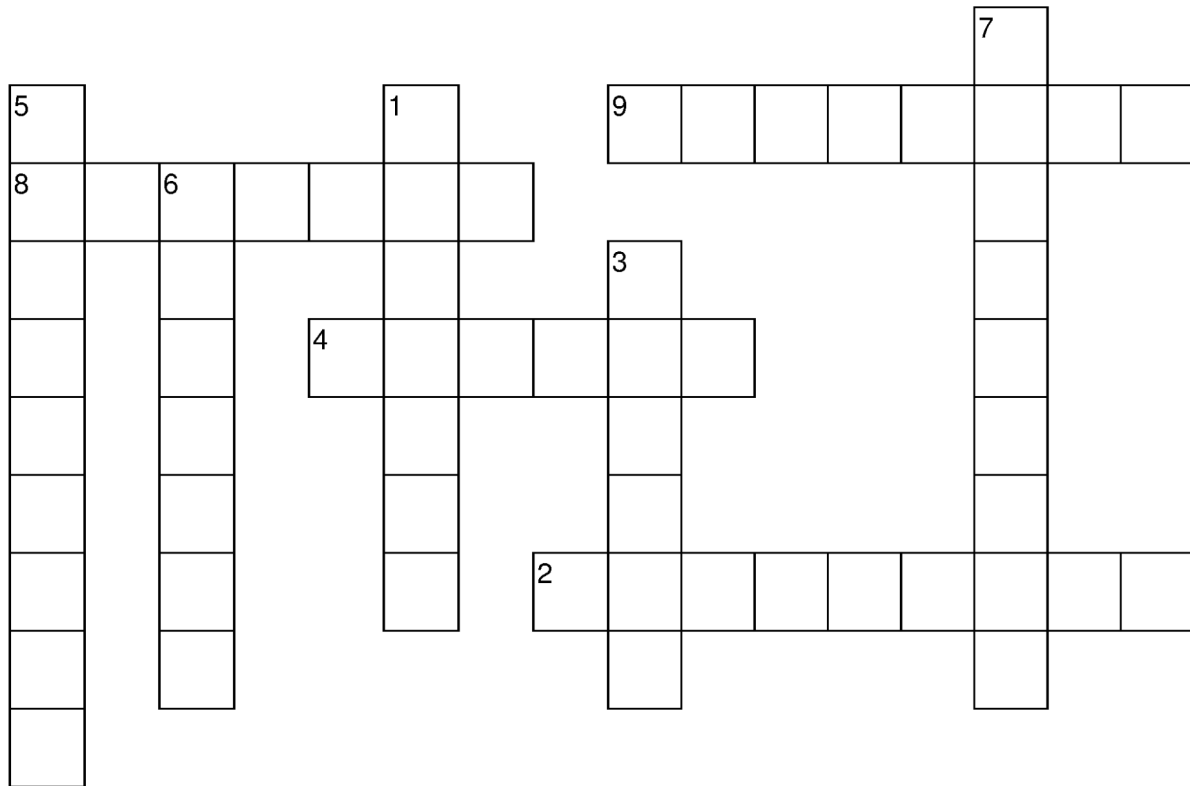
SALMON
NAHSHON
AMMINADAB
ABRAHAM

ADMIN
ARNI
HEZROM

PEREZ
JUDAH
JACOB

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance sheet, All About King David, to fill in the answers to the crossword below.



Across

- 2. Approximate age of David when he killed Goliath
- 4. Name of the daughter of King Saul, whom David married
- 8. Name of David's grown son who tried to take over his throne
- 9. The type of writing David did with Psalm 22, which means to speak of an important future event

Down

- 1. Name of the giant David killed at age 17
- 3. Name of the prophet who anointed David the next king
- 5. Name of David's wife who gave birth to the next king
- 6. Name of David's son who became the next king
- 7. David conquered and founded this famous city, now a well-known Israeli metropolis

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AT A GLANCE: ALL ABOUT KING DAVID



CHILDHOOD:

- Fought and killed the giant Goliath as a teenager
- Was anointed as a future king of Israel by the great prophet Samuel



MARRIED:

- Michal, daughter of King Saul
- Abigail, widow of a foolish man who died after refusing to give David and his men food
- Bathsheba, with whom he had an illicit relationship and had to repent. (Their son was Solomon, who became the next king.)
- He had other wives and concubines, as polygamy was acceptable in that culture.

Birth of Jesus

Birth: 1041 BC

2000's AD

Death: 971 BC

CLAIMS TO FAME:

- 1 Reigned as the second King of Israel from 1011 BC - 971 BC (40 years)
- 2 Was considered the greatest king of Israel
- 3 Conquered and founded Jerusalem
Wrote more than 70 of the Psalms
- 4 Lost a baby, the one born from the illicit relationship he'd had with Bathsheba.
- 5 Lost a grown son, Absalom, who tried to take over David's throne and was killed by the army
- 6 Named son Solomon the next king of Israel, and Solomon became the wisest and wealthiest king in the known world.

FAMOUS QUOTES:

"Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me." *Psalms 23:4*

"You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." *1 Samuel 17:45-47*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *Psalms 22:1 (a prophecy repeated by Jesus on the cross)*



Scriptures to Read: 1 Samuel 16 & 18



This Week We Learned About ...

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If we want to be like David, we must learn patience while waiting for God's promises to come to pass.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. Who was king before David? **A. Saul**
2. Which of Saul's daughters did David marry?
A. Michal
3. What instrument would David play for Saul? **A. Lyre**

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

David needed a lot of faith and patience while he was in exile, because Saul wanted to kill him. Can you think of a time when you needed faith and patience? What were you waiting for? What was the result?

David became a great king later in life. His waiting paid off! What are some things you are waiting or being patient for now? What do you hope the result will be?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



Therefore I tell you whatever you have asked for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave nor forsake you. **Deuteronomy 31:6**



You will keep in perfect peace those whose mind are steadfast, because they trust in you. **Isaiah 26:3**

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QUIZ

Instructions: Write out the scripture, then answer the journal question below. Find the answers to the mini-puzzles, and then draw the picture, answering the question.

Write out the following Bible verse: **1 Samuel 16:7**

Name some habits you can adopt that will help you look at people's actions and attitudes, rather than their appearance.

Fill in the squares: Finish the opening line King David's most famous Psalm by filling in the missing words.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in _____ ,
he leads me beside _____

Psalm 23: 1-2

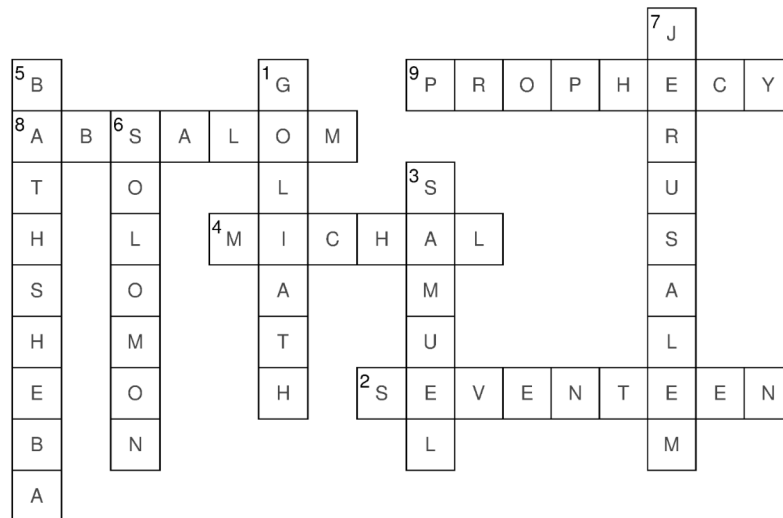
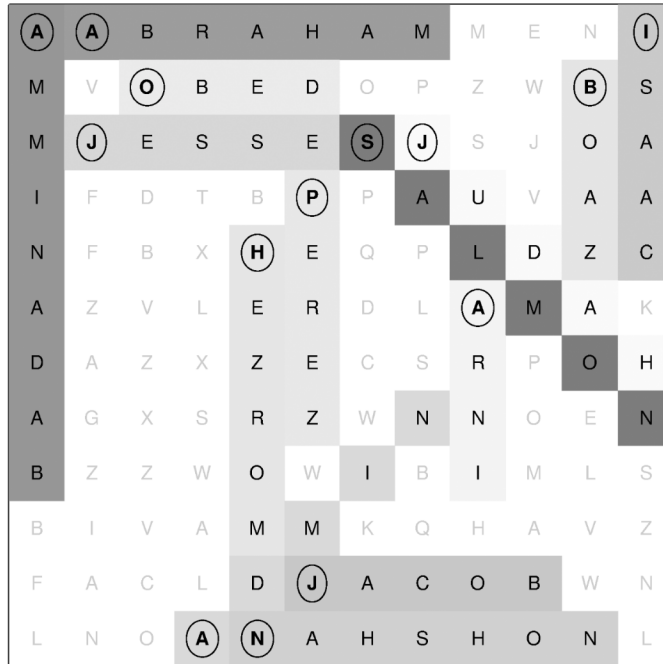
Decode the secret words: The name of David's son who was named to be the next King of Israel:

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Draw yourself with King David. If you could ask him any question, what would it be?





Teacher's QUIZ ANSWERS in order:

- 1) GREEN PASTURES, QUIET WATERS
- 2) SOLOMON

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



NAME: _____

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