

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – *continued*

All of the elders of Israel came to see King David at Hebron. There the king made a covenant with them in the sight of the Lord. They anointed David as king over Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king. He ruled for 40 years.

2 Samuel 7 ~ God Makes a Promise to David

The king settled down in his palace. The Lord had given him peace and rest from all of his enemies who were around him. Then the king spoke to the prophet Nathan. He said, "Here I am, living in a palace that has beautiful cedar walls. But the ark of God remains in a tent."

Nathan replied to the king, "Go ahead and do what you want to. The Lord is with you." That night the word of the Lord came to Nathan. The Lord said, "Go and speak to my servant David. Tell him, 'The Lord says, "Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house from the day I brought the people of Israel up out of Egypt until now. I have been moving from place to place. I have been living in a tent. I have moved from place to place with all of the people of Israel. I commanded their rulers to be shepherds over them. I never asked any of those rulers, 'Why haven't you built me a house that has beautiful cedar walls? So tell my servant David, 'The Lord who rules over all says, "I took you away from the grasslands. That's where you were taking care of your father's sheep and goats. I made you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you everywhere you have gone. I cut off all of your enemies when you were attacking them. Now I will make you famous. Your name will be just as respected as the names of the most important people on earth. I will provide a place where my people Israel can live. I will plant them in the land. Then they will have a home of their own. They will not be bothered anymore. Evil people will no longer crush them, as they did at first. That is what your enemies have done ever since I appointed leaders over my people Israel. But I will give you peace and rest from all of them. I tell you that I myself will set up a royal house for you. Someday your life will come to an end. You will join the members of your family who have already died. Then I will make one of your own sons the next king after you. And I will make his kingdom secure. He is the one who will build a house where I will put my Name. I will set up the throne of his kingdom. It will last forever. I will be his father. And he will be my son. I took my love away from Saul. I removed him from being king. You were there when I did it. But I will never take my love away from your son. Your royal house and your kingdom will last forever in my sight. Your throne will last forever." ' ' "

Nathan reported to David all of the words that the Lord had spoken to him.

David Prays to the Lord

Then King David went into the holy tent. He sat down in front of the Lord. He said, "Lord and King, who am I? My family isn't important. So why have you brought me this far? I would have thought that you had already done more than enough for me. But now, Lord and King, you have also spoken about what is going to happen to my royal house in days to come. Lord and King, is this your usual way of dealing with people? What more can I say to you? Lord and King, you know all about me. You have done a wonderful thing. You have made it known to me. You have done it because that's what you said you would do. It's exactly what you wanted to do for me. Lord and King, how great you are! There isn't anyone like you. There isn't any God but you. We have heard about it with our own ears. Who is like your people Israel? God, we are the one nation on earth you have saved. You have set us free for yourself. Your name has become famous. You have done great and wonderful things. You have driven out nations and their gods to make room for your people. You saved us when you set us free from Egypt. You made Israel your very own people forever. Lord, you have become our God. And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made to me and my royal house. Do exactly as you promised. Then your name will be honored forever. People will say, 'The Lord rules over all. He is God over Israel.' My royal house will be made secure in your sight. Lord who rules over all, you are the God of Israel. Here's what you have shown me. You told me, 'I will build you a royal house.'

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – continued

So I can boldly offer this prayer to you. Lord and King, you are God! Your words can be trusted. You have promised many good things to me. Now please bless my royal house. Then it will continue forever in your sight. Lord and King, you have spoken. Because you have given my royal house your blessing, it will be blessed forever."

Discussion Questions:

1. What happened to King Saul? *(The children may or may not know – King Saul died in a battle.)*
2. Review together some of the events of David's life from past lessons and how God was able to bless him and help him through what he was facing. *(Make a list on your easel.)*
3. What was David's original job? *(He was a small shepherd boy, tending his father's sheep.)*
4. In today's lesson, what was David's new "job"? *(David becomes the King of Israel.)*
5. Whose plan was it all along to make David the King? *(It was God's plan for David.)*
6. Why do you think God wanted David to be the King of His people? *(Discuss together. Answers will vary.)*
7. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? How will God's plan for our lives become our reality? *(Discuss together. Talk about ways to follow God in our lives and the importance of His blessing.)*

Application to Real Life

Look up together and read in your Bibles Psalm 23 (see below for the NIRV translation to assist you in explaining the meaning of this portion of scripture).

Psalm 23 – A Psalm of David

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.
- ² He lets me lie down in fields of green grass. He leads me beside quiet waters.
- ³ He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths for the honor of his name.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid. You are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies. You pour oil on my head. My cup runs over.
- ⁶ I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Talk about what this scripture means, taking it one verse at a time. Then remind the children that God took care of David over and over again, but David put his trust in God and followed Him with his whole heart. As a result, David was able to experience the overflow of God's blessings.

When we seek God and follow Him above everything else in our lives, we are able to experience His blessings. When we follow God with our whole heart, just as David did, God is able to show us the plan He has for our life. God has a plan for our lives (message statement). We have to first seek Him and follow Him, and then His plan will become our reality.

1. Name the two main parts of the Bible and tell what the difference is. (Old Testament – before Jesus, New Testament – Jesus & After Jesus)
2. Where is the book of Samuel located? In the Old or New Testament? Practice finding it together.
3. Review the Lord’s Prayer together.
4. Recite the memory verse and find it in the Bible together.
5. Lead the class in a short prayer.

Activity Ideas

Choose One

All Ages**Role Play: A Great King**

You will need to print a copy of the play for each character. Then assign children to various roles in the play. Have a small group perform the skit. Afterwards, discuss and review what happens after this part of the story occurs.

“What’s in your Backpack?” Object Talk

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → Grade School → Object Talks → “What’s in your Backpack?”

You will need a large backpack or duffle bag, a Bible, and pillows, blankets and newspaper for this object talk. Please see the above website for detailed instructions. This activity will over dramatize the fact that when we find ourselves in crisis, the Bible is just one tool we have to help us through while continuing to follow God and His teachings. Brainstorm a list of other tools we have (the Holy Spirit, prayer, divine services, etc.)

“What’s Missing” Object Talk

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → Grade School → Object Talks → “What’s Missing”

For this object talk, you will need a set of Dominos. This activity will help demonstrate the power of God’s blessing in our lives. Please see the website for details about the activity. David experienced God’s blessings over and over again in his life. David continued to follow God with his whole heart, and as a result, God had big plans for David. Remind the children that God also has a plan for their lives. Brainstorm together a list of ways to follow God (reading the Bible, divine services, prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, etc.) and talk about the blessings that may come from such faith. (Try to have a real-life example from your life to share.) Just like David, God has a plan for our life too. If we follow Him faithfully, His plan for us will become a reality.

Grades 3-5**“Guide Me” Activity**

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → Grade School → Activities → “Guide Me”

You will need an activity drawing sheet (see website), blank sheets of white paper, black markers or pencils and some hard surfaces to draw on (clipboard, book, etc.). Please see the above website for detailed instructions. You will also need to print out the activity sheet, one for each child, before class. This activity will require children to work in pairs (recruit extra volunteers as needed) using verbal instruction given by the “giver” for the “artists” to draw the object being described to them.

Use this activity to help the children understand the importance of allowing God to guide our lives so that we can live out the plan He has for us. Follow the questions listed in the activity, with the exception of the “ALL” questions. Instead, use the following questions for the discussion:

Activity Ideas - continued

“Guide Me” Activity - continued

1. How can we follow God in our lives? (Read the Bible to learn more about Him and His son, pray, listen in the divine services, let the Holy Spirit guide us each day, etc. Discuss together and make a list on your easel.)
2. How does the Holy Spirit guide us? (Discuss together. Be ready to give a specific example from your life.)
3. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? (Discuss.)

End the discussion by having a “race” to find the following Bible verses and reading them together: Psalm 143:10 and John 14:26. Talk about what these verses mean, and then let the children know that God indeed has a plan for their lives. If we follow Him with our whole heart, He will be able to guide us, and His plan will become a reality for us.

Journal

Optional

Grades K-2

Draw a picture of Saul chasing David. Then answer the following: If I was David and Saul had been chasing me, I would have...

Grades 3-5

Do you trust that God will direct your path according to His plans for you if you follow Him? Why or why not? Write about it.

Why do you think it is hard to put complete trust in God and His plans for our lives? Write about it.

Why do you think David was chosen to be the king?

Homework Ideas

- Read at home with a grownup **Psalm 23** (Psalm 23:1-6).
- Learn the memory verse: *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” --Psalm 23:1*
- Work on memorizing commandment # ____.
- Color the **“Psalm 23”** coloring sheet as your parents read you the Sunday School Lesson. Return your coloring page for a sticker.
- What makes a shepherd “good”? Make a list and bring it to class to share.

Other Resources

<http://children.ccm.com/curriculum/> → OT Support Curriculum → Page 9 → “David is made King of Israel”



Role Play: A Great King

- Narrator:** *(David and his soldiers should be on one side of the stage and Saul and his soldiers on the other.)* David hid from King Saul. Whenever David settled down somewhere, King Saul would find out and search for him. David had to leave time and time again. *(Saul and his soldiers enter.)*
- Saul's Soldier 1:** King Saul, our spies are really good. Look how we have tracked your enemy down.
- Saul's Soldier 2:** Yes, people are saying that David wants to kill you to become king of Israel. We cannot allow that to happen. We will protect you.
- Saul's Soldier 3:** I agree and I am sure that God will deliver David to us.
- Saul:** God has anointed me king of Israel. I know that David is a humble and faithful servant of God but I am sure God would want me to protect myself and my kingdom too. I am the king of this land! *(Speaking to his soldiers.)* When we find David, we will kill him and protect the kingdom. *(David and his soldiers enter.)*
- Narrator:** While Saul was having this conversation at the opening of the cave, David and his men were hiding in the darkness of the cave. They were frightened but excited.
- David's Soldier 1:** *(Whispering.)* David, this is our chance! Our enemy is close. We can harm him now!
- David's Soldier 2:** *(Soldiers quietly drawing their swords.)* Yes, God has blessed us and delivered Saul into our hands.
- David:** Saul is a servant of God. I cannot harm him or kill him because God has anointed him king of Israel. He is still my master. *(Speaking to his soldiers.)* We will not harm Saul. We will let him go.
- David's Soldier 3:** *(Looking confused.)* David, how could you allow this? We will have to keep running from him. This will never end.
- David:** My good men, God will continue to protect us as He has always done in the past.

Name: _____

Psalm 23



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." --Psalm 23:1



Take Home Page: E27. David is King

Today I learned...

Today your child learned that **God has a plan for our lives.** The children reviewed the story of when David was anointed King of Israel. They also talked about how if we choose to follow God, His plan for our lives will become reality.

Help me learn my memory verse...

"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." --Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)

Ask me...

1. What was God's plan for David's life?
2. Why do you think God chose David to be the King of Israel?
3. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life too? Why or why not?

Live Your Faith...

Go for a walk outside and look for some birds. Notice the different ones that you are able to see and hear as you walk. Then talk about how God takes care of the birds each day. Remind your child that God also takes care of us each day. Share how God has provided for you in the last week. Pray together and thank God for always watching over you and taking such good care of you.

