

David Is Made King Of Israel

2 Samuel 5:1-4

MEMORY VERSE

2 SAMUEL 7:8

“Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.”’

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A ball or stuffed animal and masking tape.

The bookmark template provided with your curriculum (copy enough bookmarks for each child onto white cardstock), crayons or markers, a hole punch, yarn, clear contact paper, glue stick and scissors.

ATTENTION GRABBER!

Used By God Relay

Have the children form two teams. Split those two teams in half so that half are at one side of the room and the other half is at the other side of the room. Using masking tape, make four lines (two on each side of the room). The children will be doing a relay race.

Use a medium size ball or stuffed animal. Explain to the children that they are going to have a relay race, but instead of just running, they will be hopping. And they will have to hop and hold the ball (or stuffed) animal between their ankles. This makes the relay more difficult.

When you say “Go!” then have two children go. When they get to the other side of the room they will pass the ball on to the next child who will return to the other side. Continue until everyone

has had a chance. If a team is uneven have the first child go one additional time to make it even.

Explain to the children that serving the Lord is sometimes like that relay. It seems easy at first, but sometimes there are things that make the race a little more difficult (like the ball between the ankles). But God allows these things so that we can become stronger and can be used by Him more and more in the future.

LESSON TIME!

In today's lesson we are going to learn about the time when David became king over all of Israel. It took a long time for God's will to be worked out in David's life. David had to learn a lot of things along the way. God has given us parents to help teach us what is right and wrong, and sometimes God will allow us to go through things to teach us more about what it means to follow Him.

David began as a young shepherd boy. You will probably remember that King Saul had disobeyed God and he would no longer be allowed to be king. God sent the prophet Samuel to search for a new king. When Samuel came to David's house, his father, Jesse thought that one of David's older brothers would be king.

But God didn't look at outward appearances. God wanted someone whose heart would be right before Him. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse replied that he had one son left who was out tending sheep. David was the youngest child, but God noticed him. God knew that David would be the kind of king that would follow Him. So Samuel anoints David to be the next king. **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

David was just a teenager when he was anointed to become the next king. He didn't become a king right away though. It took about another 17 years for him to become the king over ALL of Israel.

These 17 years weren't very easy for David. Remember over our past lessons how David had to run for his life from King Saul?

King Saul had become very jealous of David. He knew that because of his disobedience to God that one day he would be replaced. He thought that the only way to keep David from becoming king would be for him to kill David. If only Saul would have just turned away from his sin and back to God, but he refused.

Saul chased David around the wilderness for 10 years trying to kill him. He had about 3,000 soldiers with him as he was searching for him. What do you suppose David learned during these difficult "wilderness" years? He learned how to trust in the Lord to deliver him, protect him and provide for all of his needs. These were important things for a good king to learn. Even though these years may have seemed like a waste of time in some ways, God used these years to teach David some very valuable things. One day David would be king over all of Israel. **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

When King Saul and Jonathan died in battle, David still didn't become king right away. He only became king over his own people, the tribe of Judah. The other tribes wanted one of Saul's sons to rule over them. They didn't believe that David should be king. So Saul's son Ishbosheth became ruler over the other 11 tribes of Israel.

David just waited on the Lord. He could have become frustrated or upset that he wasn't king yet, but he knew that God would take care of everything. God had shown Himself faithful in every way in his life. David still knew that if he just waited on the Lord that he would one day be king over all of Israel just as God had promised.

After seven years, Ishbosheth died and there were no other sons to take his place. This is where we pick up in today's story. We learn that God always had a plan for David's life, and now it was finally

going to happen, just as God promised. What we will learn is that we just need to remain faithful to the Lord and that **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

2 SAMUEL 5:1

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh."

When Ishbosheth died the rulers of the other tribes realized that David should be king over all of Israel. God had blessed David as he ruled over Judah. They realized that they should have David rule over them as well. The nation was divided for those seven years. Even though they were in different tribes, they were still related as a nation and a people.

The other tribes came to David and said, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh." They were acknowledging that they were related to David and that there shouldn't be any more division. It is kind of like when two brothers are fighting. They decided that they shouldn't be divided any longer.

2 SAMUEL 5:2

"Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'"

Not only did they realize that they were related to David and should no longer be divided, but they finally acknowledged that David was God's choice to be king. Sometimes our pride gets in the way of allowing God's plan to happen. The other tribes remembered that David was really God's choice.

They acknowledged that God used David in great ways even when Saul was king. God had used him in fighting Goliath and other

battles with the Philistines. They knew that God had blessed David with a gift of leadership and that he would be good for the whole nation.

God told David that he would one day shepherd God's people and would be the king of Israel. David knew that God had a plan for his life. God has a plan for each of our lives. We only need to obey Him and ask Him what that plan is. If we will let Him, God will prepare us to do wonderful things for Him. **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

Bible Hokey Pokey

Explain to the class that they are going to do a variation of the Hokey Pokey. Have the class get into a circle. Sing together the following song to the tune of the Hokey Pokey.

I'll put my right hand in (children put right hand into circle)

I'll put my right hand out (children put right hand outside of circle).

I'll put my right hand in

And I'll wave it all around.

I'll be responsible, and I'll only do what's right.

That's what the Bible says!

Continue the song by having the children place their left hand, right foot, left foot, right hip, left hip, head and whole body.

After you are done, explain to the class that the Lord wants us to follow him completely. All of us (hands, feet, heart, etc.) should be dedicated to Him.

2 SAMUEL 5:3

Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

So all of the leaders came to David in Hebron. They told David that they wanted him to be king over them. King David made a covenant with them, which means that he made a promise with them that he would be a good leader over them. He assured them that they could trust him and that he would do what God wanted him to do.

So they anointed David king over all of Israel. This must have been a wonderful day for King David. Finally, God had accomplished His plan for his life. Even though it took years for everything to finally happen, God was faithful. David was glad to become king over all of Israel, and he would be a very good king for the people.

When the elders were anointing David, they were just acknowledging what God had already determined. David was God's choice to be king and the people were just recognizing it. When God has a calling upon our lives, others will begin to recognize that calling. It is God working in us and not us. Anointing is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. The Holy Spirit was upon David's life to be ruler over Israel. **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

2 SAMUEL 5:4

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

So David became king over all of Israel. He was 30 years old when he started to reign in Judah and was about 37 years old when he became king over all of Israel. All together he was king for 40 years. David was a very good king because he followed the Lord. He made

some mistakes along the way, but he always repented and asked the Lord to forgive him. David was a man after God's own heart.

We can ask ourselves the question: Are we after God's own heart? Do we seek God's will for our lives? Do we ask Him what He would want us to do? David was very young when God began speaking to him about all of the important things that He wanted David to do. We are never too young to hear from the Lord.

What special plans does God have for your life? As you grow up and look at all of the wonderful things that you can do, be sure to include God. Ask Him what His plans are for your life. You will find that He does have wonderful plans for your life, plans so great that you could not even imagine them. Doing God's will is the best thing you could ever do. **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

Shepherd Bookmarks

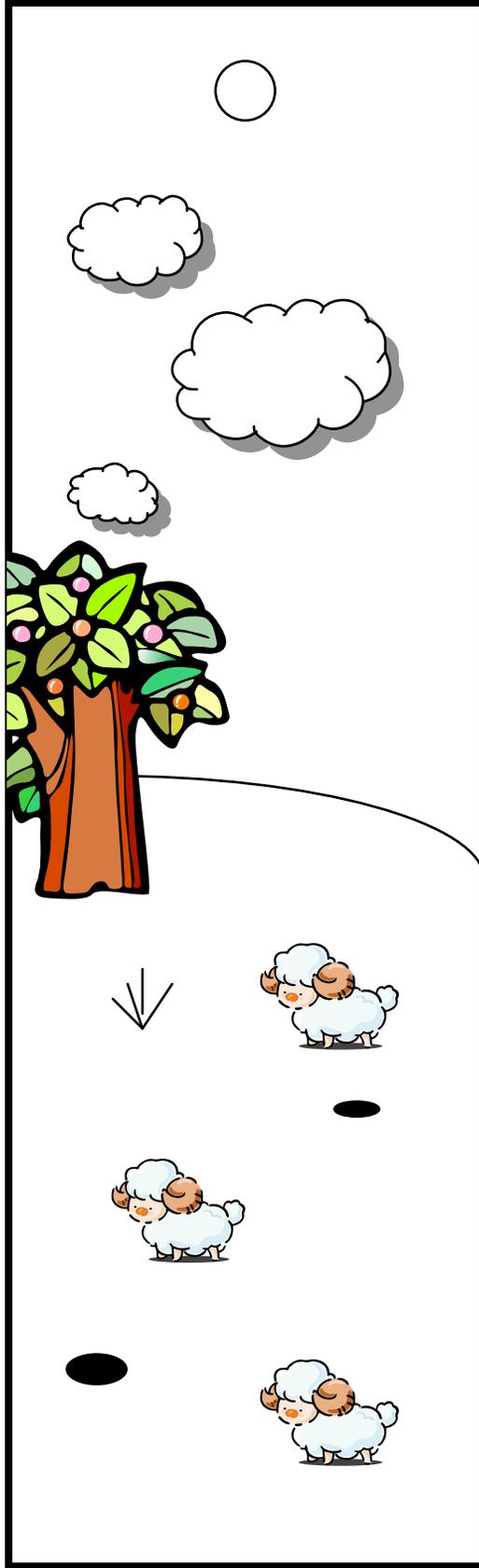
For this craft you will need the bookmark template provided with your curriculum, copy enough bookmarks for each child onto white card stock, crayons or markers, a hole punch, yarn, clear contact paper, glue stick and scissors.

Have the class cut out and color the bookmarks. Cut out and paste the memory verse onto the back using a glue stick (they can also write their names on the back). Help the children to lay the bookmarks onto the contact paper. Trim the sides of the contact paper. Punch the hole at the top. String a few strands of yarn at the top.

Remind the children how God called David as a young shepherd and how **God has great plans for our lives when we follow Him.**

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for all of the plans He has for their lives. Encourage the children to seek the Lord to find out what those plans are and then be obedient to follow them. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.



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