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Saul Disobeys God

I Samuel 15

Memory verse: “Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He has also rejected you from being king.”
I Samuel 15:23

Overview: You should remember that God chose Saul to be king of the Israelites when they asked for a king. They wanted to be like the other nations around them.

God told Saul to destroy all the Amalekites because they were evil. Saul was supposed to kill all the people and all the animals, but Saul did not obey. He kept the King Agag alive and allowed the people to keep the sheep, oxen, calves, lambs and everything which was good.

God told Samuel that he was sorry that he had made Saul king because Saul hadn't listened to him. Samuel was angry and cried out to God all night.

In the morning when Samuel went to find Saul, he heard the sounds of the animals and knew that Saul had not obeyed. Saul tried to tell Samuel that he had obeyed God, but the soldiers had taken the animals. In other words, he tried to blame other people for what he had done. Samuel told Saul that because Saul had rejected God's word, God rejected Saul as King. Now the kingdom of Israel would be given to a better man.

Saul answered, “I have sinned.” He repented and worshipped God, but it was too late for him to keep his kingdom; and Samuel did not go to see Saul again. Samuel was very sad that Saul was not good like he should have been. God was sorry that He had made Saul king.

Lessons to learn:

God expects us to obey exactly what He tells us to do.

Sometimes when we do something wrong, some of the bad things that happen cannot be fixed.

Saul was not a good man to lead the Israelites, God's people.

True or False:

_____ 1. Saul did part of what God told him to do.

- _____ 2. Saul didn't do anything that God told him to do.
- _____ 3. Samuel first found out about Saul's sins when he heard the animals making noise.
- _____ 4. God had told Saul what he was supposed to do, so Saul couldn't say that he didn't know what God wanted.
- _____ 5. Saul couldn't help it if the people wanted to do something wrong.

Short answer:

6. When the Israelites were travelling to Canaan, the Amalakites had treated them badly. What did God say that He would do to them? Fill in the blanks.

“Then the _____ said to Moses, ‘ _____

this as a memorial in a _____ and recite it in the

ears of _____ that I will utterly blot out the

memory of _____ from under heaven.”

Exodus 17:14

7. What things did Saul and the people keep? _____

8. How did Samuel find out about what Saul and the people had done?

9. When Samuel heard about Saul's sin, what did he do first?

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10. Why do you think Samuel never went to see Saul again? _____

Remember this:

11. Read Colossians 3: 17 and fill in the blanks.

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do _____

in the name of the _____ .”

12. Who knows what is best for people? _____

13. Does God think the same way that we do? _____

14. Can we do just what we want to do or what we think is best and it will be O.K. with God? _____

15. How would you feel if you lost a good friend like Samuel because you had done wrong?

16. How do you feel when you know that you have obeyed God and your parents?

2

God Chooses a New King

I Samuel 16

Memory verse: “God sees not as man sees...The Lord looks at the heart.”
I Samuel 16: 7

Overview: The Lord said to Samuel, “Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.” But Samuel said, “How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And God said, “Take a heifer (female cow) with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I show to you.”

So Samuel did what the Lord said, and came to Bethlehem. He told the people there that he came in peace to sacrifice to the Lord. He told them to cleanse themselves to come to the sacrifice. He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. “Consecrated” means purified, set apart, or made holy for God.

When Jesse and his sons entered, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought he was surely the one to be king; but the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and Shammah and four more of his sons to pass by Samuel. (7 in all) But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” So, Samuel said to Jesse, “Are these all the children?” And he said, “There is still the youngest, and he is tending the sheep.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”

So Jesse sent for his last son, David. He was healthy, handsome, and he had beautiful eyes. And God said, “Rise, anoint him; for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him, and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

God’s Spirit left Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord frightened him. Saul’s servants looked for a man who could play the harp well to make Saul feel better. They heard of David who could play well, so then David came to Saul and helped Saul; and Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor bearer. Whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would

take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Lessons to learn:

God doesn't look at people like we do. We look at what a person looks like. God looks at the spirit.

Because Saul did not obey God, the kingdom was given to another man.

David was young, but he was able to help Saul.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesse had 8 sons including David.
- _____ 2. Samuel chose a new king because Saul had sinned.
- _____ 3. God chose the new king because He knew what kind of man he was.
- _____ 4. God does not care about how beautiful or tall a person is.
- _____ 5. The best thing about a person is that he is being a good person on the inside and obeying God.

Short Answer:

6. Does a person's beauty matter to God? _____ What does matter to God?

7. Samuel consecrated Jesse's family before they came to the sacrifice. What does "consecrated" mean?

8. What was the youngest son doing when Samuel was looking at Jesse's other sons?

9. What did Samuel use to anoint David as the next king? _____

10. What two things did David do for Saul?

Remember this:

11. Who knows what is on the inside of a person? _____

12. When the Bible says that an evil spirit from God scared Saul, does that mean that God made Saul do bad things? How do you know?

13. What calmed Saul?

14. What kind of person does David sound like? (Even though we don't know much about him yet) Tell why you answered the way you did.

15. David knew he was anointed to be the next king, but he served Saul while Saul was king. This shows that David believed in God enough

to wait until _____'s time for him to be king. It also shows that whether a person is great or not, God wants the person to _____ other people.

16. Be ready to discuss things you can do to serve other people. _____

3

David Kills a Giant

I Samuel 17: 1-51

Memory verse: “I come...in the name of the Lord...for the battle is the Lord’s.” I Samuel 17: 45, 47

Overview: Israel and the Philistines were fighting. The giant Goliath came out for forty days and dared the Israelites to send a man to fight with him, but the Israelites were afraid. Goliath was about 9 ½ feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with bronze armor which weighed about 125 pounds. He also had bronze leg protectors and a bronze javelin (light weight spear) slung between his shoulders. The handle of his spear was thick like a weaver’s beam, and the iron head of his spear weighed 15 lbs.; a man walked in front of him carrying his shield.

One day David went to the battlefield to see how his brothers were doing and bring them some food. David heard Goliath shout to Israel; and even though he was a boy, he said that he would go to fight the giant. He knew that the Lord who had protected him from a lion and a bear while he watched the sheep would also protect him from the giant.

Then Saul put his clothes on David and a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor. David put on his sword over his armor and tried to walk, but he said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” And David took them off. He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag that he had; his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

Goliath made fun of David because he was young, but David said, “The battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hands.” When Goliath got up and came near to meet David, David ran quickly to meet him. He put one stone in his slingshot and threw it at the giant, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground and David killed him. When the Philistines saw Goliath was dead, they ran away and the Israelites ran after them fighting.

Lessons to learn:

God was with David.

When God is helping us, we can do great things.

God takes care of His people, so we should not be afraid.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The Israelites were afraid because of how large Goliath was.
- _____ 2. The Israelites had a greater Help that should have given them courage to fight Goliath.
- _____ 3. David had armor to protect him in case Goliath tried to kill him.
- _____ 4. Goliath mocked (made fun of) David because he was young.
- _____ 5. David chose 7 stones to protect him from Goliath.

Short Answer:

6. What animals did David have to fight to protect his father's sheep?

7. Who did David say had protected him while he was watched the sheep and would protect him against Goliath?

8. Why did David not use the armor that Saul gave him?

9. When Goliath came toward David, what did David do that shows that he trusted in God and was not afraid of Goliath?

10. When did the Israelites finally show some courage?

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Remember This:

11. Which of these things that David had was the one which was his best weapon against Goliath? Circle the right one

His stick his slingshot his faith in God 5 stones

12. David’s brother was angry with him for coming “in order to see the battle.” Saul tried to give David armor to protect him, but he couldn’t use it. Goliath made fun of David because he was so young, but David knew that

“The battle is the _____ and He will give you into our hands.”

13. Sometimes we are afraid, but we cannot be too afraid to do what God wants us to do. When is a time that you might be a little afraid, but you can still do God’s will?

14. Because David believed in God, he gave God the glory for all the times that God protected him. List three things in your life for which you can give God the glory.

4

Saul is Jealous of David

I Samuel 18: 6-16, 30; 19:1, 8-11

Memory verse: “David had great success because the Lord was with him.”
I Samuel 18: 14

Overview: When David returned from killing Goliath, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing for joy, with tambourines and musical instruments. The women sang as they played, and said, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

Then Saul became very angry, and he said, “They said David killed ten thousands, but they said I only killed thousands.” From then on, Saul watched David carefully.

The Philistines continued to battle Israel, and as often as they fought, David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So David became well known. When Saul saw how well David did, he told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. But, Jonathan talked to his father about how wrong that would be, and Saul promised not to kill David.

Later, an evil spirit came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp for him. Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but David slipped away, so that the spear stuck into the wall. And David ran away and escaped that night.

Now Saul was afraid of David, for the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So, Saul sent David out as his commander of a thousand soldiers. He was hoping that the Philistines would kill David in battle. But, David was doing well in all his ways, for the Lord was with him; and when Saul saw that he was prospering greatly, he was afraid of him. All Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them.

Lessons to learn:

Saul was jealous of how well David did and how the people liked David. When Saul was bad, the Lord no longer was with him.

Because Saul spent so much time thinking about how much he disliked David, Saul became worse and worse.

God was with David because David was obeying God.

True or False:

- _____ 1. David was praised more than Saul when they came back from the battle with the Philistines.
- _____ 2. Saul and Jonathan his son wanted to put David to death.
- _____ 3. Saul tried to kill David while David was playing music for him.
- _____ 4. God made Saul bad by sending an evil spirit.
- _____ 5. Saul should have been happy that David was doing so well in battle and acting so wisely.

Short answer:

6. Saul envied David because David did so well and the people praised him and loved him. How should we feel for others when they do even better than we do?

7. Saul sent David out as his commander of a thousand soldiers. What was he hoping would happen to David?

8. Who told Saul that he was wrong for wanting David killed?

9. How did Saul try to kill David when David was playing the harp for him?

10. How did Saul feel when he knew that God was with David, and God was helping David to prosper (be successful) in battle?

Remember this:

11. If we are doing the best that we can do, does it matter if we can do exactly what someone else can do?

12. What does God expect from us? Circle the correct answer. _____

Just do “good enough”

**Just do the least we can get by
with**

**Just the same as some other
people are doing**

**Our best job on everything
we do**

13. Even though Saul was king, he couldn't have everything he wanted. Should we want everything that other people have?

14. God wanted Saul to do good things, but he let Saul choose what he would do. Who chooses whether you will do good or not? _____

15. When someone is jealous, he often thinks about it so much that he starts to hate. Then hatred leads to a person doing bad things. Be ready to discuss the steps that Saul took when he was jealous, angry, and afraid of David. _____

5

The Friendship of David and Jonathan

I Samuel 17:57-18: 1-5; 19: 1-7; 20

Memory verse: “We have promised friendship...in the name of the Lord”
I Sam.20: 42

When David returned from killing Goliath, Saul talked to him about David’s family and where he was from. After they finished talking, Saul’s son, Jonathan became one spirit with David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. That means that Jonathan understood what a good person David was and loved him like Christians are commanded to love each other. Jonathan made an agreement with David to be friends forever. He gave the robe he had on and his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt, to David.

You should remember that one time Jonathan told Saul that he was wrong for wanting to kill David. It had to be hard to tell his father that he was doing something wrong, but Jonathan was strong and told him. Saul listened to Jonathan, and promised not to kill David. Then Jonathan called David, brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

Later, when the evil spirit came on Saul again, Saul wanted to kill David again. David asked Jonathan what he had done, and Jonathan promised to help him. David decided to test whether Saul was angry if David did not show up to eat with him for the feast of the new moon. If Saul were angry, then he would know that Saul still wanted to hurt David.

Jonathan said that he would find out how his father felt and let David know. After three days David would hide by a road stone (It marked the road.) Jonathan would shoot three arrows to the side, as if he shot at a target. And then he would send a boy to find the arrows. “If I ...say to the boy, ‘Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, get them,’ then come; for there is safety for you ... But if I say to him, ‘Behold, the arrows are beyond you,’ go, for the Lord has sent you away.... behold, the Lord is between you and me forever.”

So David hid in the field; and when the new moon came, Saul sat down to eat food. At first Saul thought it was an accident that David was not there, but the second day David was missing, too. Saul asked Jonathan why David wasn’t with them and Jonathan said that David had gone to Bethlehem to sacrifice with his family.

Then Saul was very angry and said, “Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die.” But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said, “Why...? What has he done?” Then Saul threw his spear at Jonathan, so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

In the morning, Jonathan went out into the field where David was hiding, and a little boy was with him. He said to the boy, “Run and find the arrows which I am about to shoot.” As the lad was running, he shot an arrow past him. When the boy reached the arrow, Jonathan called after the lad and said, “Is not the arrow beyond (past) you?” And the boy picked up the arrow and came to his master. But only Jonathan and David knew that it meant that Saul wanted to kill David.

Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, “Go, take them to the city.” When the boy was gone, David got up and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. David and Jonathan kissed each other and cried together, but David cried more. Jonathan said to David, “Go in safety, because we have promised each other friendship in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The Lord will be between me and you, and between my family and your family forever.’” Then David rose and left, while Jonathan went into the city.

Lessons to learn:

Jonathan saw what a good man David was and became his friend.

David and Jonathan promised to be friends and kept that promise. God expects us to keep our promises.

Jonathan had to tell Saul that he was wrong for wanting to kill David.

Sometimes we have to tell people they are wrong, too.

Saul was letting jealousy take over his life, and God was not with him any more.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jonathan know that David was a good man when he heard David speaking with Saul.
- _____ 2. Saul repented of his sin, and started treating David well for rest of his life.
- _____ 3. Jonathan tried to get Saul to realize that David had done nothing wrong.

- _____ 4. Jonathan and David had a secret plan so Jonathan could let David know if Saul still wanted to kill David.
- _____ 5. Jonathan told Saul that David had gone to sacrifice with his family in Jerusalem for the Feast of the New Moon.

Short Answer:

6. What did Jonathan give to David when they promised to be friends?

7. Twice Saul was angry and wanted to kill David. Had David done anything wrong?

8. What did Saul throw at Jonathan when he was angry with Jonathan and David?

9. How much did Jonathan love David as a friend?

A little

quite a bit

as he loved himself

10. If Jonathan said that his arrow was on “this side” of the boy, what would it mean?

11. If Jonathan said that the arrow was past the boy, what would it mean?

Remember this:

12. The Bible says that Jonathan loved David as himself. What else does the Bible say about this kind of love? Fill in the blanks below.

““You shall love your _____ as yourself.”

There is no other commandment _____ than these.”

Mark 12: 31

13. Fill in the blanks about the promise David and Jonathan made to each other.

““The _____ will be between me and you, and
between my _____ and your family
_____.” I Samuel 20: 42

14. From the example of Jonathan and David, can you think of some ways Christians will act because of the love they have for each other?

15. In John 13: 34- 35 Jesus says

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

a. We love like who loved? _____

b. What will people know about us by the way we love each other?

6

Saul Tries to Kill David Again

I Samuel 24

Memory verse: “May the Lord... reward you with good... for what you have done.” I Samuel 24: 19

Overview: Saul kept trying to find David and kill him. Sometimes he would hear of a place David had been, but David left before Saul got to that place. One time David and his men were far in the back of a cave when Saul stopped there to rest. David’s men thought David should kill Saul, but David only sneaked up and cut a piece off of Saul’s robe.

Afterward David felt bad because he had done that to the man whom God had anointed as King. Saul left the cave and David called to Saul to saying, “My lord the king.” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed himself to the ground.

David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, ‘Behold, David seeks to harm you’? Today your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you into my hand in the cave: and some men told me to kill you; but I saved you; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed. ...And, my father, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed you not; so you know that there is no evil in my hand, and I have not sinned against you; but you hunt my soul to take it. The Lord judge between me and you, and the Lord avenge me of you: but my hand shall not be on you.”

When David was done speaking to Saul, Saul said, “Is this thy voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice, and cried. And he said to David, “You are more righteous than I am; for you rewarded me good, while I have rewarded you evil.... The Lord had delivered me into your hand, but you did not kill me.” Saul also said that he knew that David be king, and that the kingdom of Israel would be established in his hand.

For a time, Saul was sorry for how he had treated David.

Lessons to learn:

We must not do evil even when others do evil to us.

We must be careful or anger and jealousy will cause us to sin even more.

David treated Saul well even though Saul was now evil because God had chosen him as king.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Saul kept trying to find and kill David, but he could not catch David.
- _____ 2. David wanted to kill Saul, but his men told him not to.
- _____ 3. David felt bad about cutting a piece off of Saul's robe.
- _____ 4. David told Saul that he would not put his hand on Saul.
- _____ 5. Saul did not realize that he had done evil to David.

Short Answer:

6. Where were David and his men when Saul stopped there to rest?

7. Why did David feel sorry for cutting a piece off of Saul's robe?

8. What did David do when he spoke to Saul that showed that he respected Saul as the king? There are two things.

9. What did Saul call David when David spoke to him?

10. Who was the better person, David or Saul?

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Remember this:

11. Who did David say had delivered Saul into David's hand?

12. Name at least three different people or groups of people that David influenced for good.

13. This lesson shows that people should respect their rulers. Why does David say we should respect rulers?

14. Who did David say would be the judge of him and Saul?

15. Later, Saul and his men would go after David again (I Samuel 26). Had Saul really repented of the bad things he had done to David? Remember that a person has to be sorry, and stop being bad, and start being good again.

7

David Spares Saul's Life Again

I Samuel 26

Memory verse: “The Lord forbid that I should put out my hand against the Lord’s anointed.” I Samuel 26: 11

Overview: It did not take long for Saul to return to being angry and wanting to kill David. Saul kept chasing after David, following him from place to place, but David and his men kept moving so Saul could not kill him.

Some men came to Saul and told him that David was hiding on the hill of Hachilah, so Saul went and camped on the hill. But David stayed in the wilderness and sent spies to find out if Saul had indeed come. When he found out where Saul was, David asked a couple of men if they would go to Saul’s camp with him. One of the men, Abishai went with David at night, and they entered Saul’s camp. Saul laid there sleeping with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him. Then Abishai said to David, “God has given your enemy into your hand this day.” Abishai wanted to kill Saul right then, but David said, “Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be innocent?” And David said, “As the Lord lives, the Lord will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should put out my hand against the Lord’s anointed. But take the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go.” So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. And David called to the army, and to Abner the leader of the army, saying, “Will you not answer, Abner?” Then Abner answered, “Who are you who calls to the king?” And David said to Abner, “Are you not a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? -For one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord. This thing that you have done is not good. As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, the Lord’s anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was at his head.”

Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." And David asked why Saul was chasing after him. "What have I done? What evil is on my hands?" David said that he had been driven out and had no share in the heritage (inheritance) of the Lord. He did not want to be away from his country and the presence of the Lord.

Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have made a great mistake." And David answered and said, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. Behold, as your life was precious this day in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation." (trouble or suffering) Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Saul did not repent of his sin of trying to kill David for very long.
- _____ 2. David sneaked into Saul's camp at night by himself.
- _____ 3. David refused to hurt the king who was God's anointed ruler.
- _____ 4. Saul said that he had sinned.
- _____ 5. God rewards people for their good (righteousness) and faithfulness.

Short Answer:

- 6. Who went with David to sneak into Saul's camp? _____
- 7. Why would David not kill Saul? _____

8. What did David and Abishai take from Saul? _____

9. What did David say could happen to Saul? There were three things.

10. What did David say that Abner, the leader of the army had done wrong?

Remember this:

11. Had David done anything wrong to cause Saul to want to kill him?

12. Why did David not want to be driven out of his land of Israel?

13. Who did David say would deliver him out of trouble?

14. When he blessed David, what did Saul say David would do?

15. What do we learn about how we should treat the rulers who God has put into power? Romans 13: 7 says to give

“ _____
to whom respect is owed, _____ to whom honor is owed.”

8

David Brings Back the Ark of God

I Samuel 31; II Samuel 6:1; I Chron. 13, 15, 16: 1-36

Memory verse: “The ark of the Lord came into the city of David.” II Samuel 6: 16

Overview: Israel fought with the Philistines again, and Saul and three of his sons were killed. David was sad, especially for his friend Jonathan who died. But, David became king as God meant for him to be. He went to fight the Philistines and got the Ark of God (Ark of the Covenant) back from them.

David wanted to bring the Ark back to Israel, but he did not send the priests to carry it as God had said they must do. He set the Ark on a new cart pulled by oxen. When the oxen stumbled, Uzzah reached out to keep the Ark from falling, and God struck him dead because no one was to touch the Ark that way.

At first David was angry because God killed Uzzah, and then he was afraid. David wondered how he could bring the Ark of the Covenant home. He must have remembered what God wanted because later he said, “No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for the Lord chose them to carry the ark of God and to minister to Him forever.” When David moved the ark the next time, he had the priests carry it the right way.

David and all Israel rejoiced that the ark was back. David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord, blessed the people, and sang a psalm (song) of praise to God.

Lesson to learn:

We must do things in just the way God tells us to do them.

We cannot choose our own way to do things.

If we know God’s word (Bible), we will know what God wants us to do.

True or False:

_____ 1. The Ark of the Covenant was not to be touched by anyone.

_____ 2. Uzzah thought that he was helping to save the Ark from falling.

- _____ 3. From the beginning, David knew that God had punished Uzzah fairly.
- _____ 4. David learned to move the Ark of the Covenant the way God had said to move it.
- _____ 5. Israel rejoiced that the Ark of God was back and David offered sacrifices to God.

Short Answer:

6. Who were supposed to carry the Ark of the Covenant and how were they supposed to carry it? If you don't remember, read Exodus 37 : 5.

7. Why was David's first plan to use a cart to carry the Ark of the Covenant not a good one?

8. Is God's way of doing things always right?

Remember this:

9. Does thinking you are doing something good help you if you are not doing what God says?

10. David shows us that we can make things right when we have done something wrong. What does the Bible call it when someone is sorry, stops doing bad things, and starts doing good?

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11. Read Matthew 7: 21 and fill in the blanks.

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘ _____,’ will
enter the kingdom of _____, but he who does the will
of _____ who is in heaven will enter.”**

12. In the verses about the wise man who built on a rock and the foolish man who built on the sand, the man who hears God’s word and does it is a _____ man. The man who hears God’s word and doesn’t do it, is a _____ man.

13. Can children hear God’s word and obey it?

14. What do you do now to obey God?

15. What can you **do better** to obey God?

9

David Keeps His Promise

II Samuel 9

Memory verse: “Don’t be afraid...I will be kind to you for the sake of your father Jonathan.” II Samuel 9:7

Overview: Do you remember that David and Jonathan had promised to be friends the name of the Lord? They said, “The Lord will be between me and you, and between my family and your family forever.”

Then David said, “Is there yet anyone left in Saul’s family, that I may show kindness to for Jonathan’s sake?”

Now there was a servant of Saul’s family whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And Ziba said, “There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet.” (He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan’s death came, and his nurse picked him up to run away, and as she ran, he fell and became lame –couldn’t walk.) And his name was Mephibosheth

So David said to him, “Where is he?” Ziba told David where he was, and then King David sent for Him to come. Mephibosheth, Jonathan’s son, came to David and fell on his face on the ground. And David said, “Mephibosheth.”

And he said, “Here is your servant!”

David said to him, “Don’t be afraid, because I will be kind to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will give back to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table always.” Mephibosheth didn’t believe that he was worth the good things that David was doing for him.

Then David called Ziba and, “Everything that belonged to Saul and his family I have given to Mephibosheth.” You, your sons, and your servants shall plant the land, care for it, and harvest the food so that Mephibosheth may have food; but he shall always eat at my table.”

Ziba promised to do everything David said, and he had fifteen sons and twenty servants to help him. So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table as one of his sons.

Lessons to learn:

We must keep our promises like David did.

David was kind even though Saul had been mean to him.

We can find many times to be kind to other people, and we should always be kind. Kindness happens when we DO something for other people.

True or False:

- _____ 1. David remembered his promise to Jonathan and looked for any of Jonathan's family that was left.
- _____ 2. Mephibosheth probably thought that David would want to kill him because he was part of Saul's family.
- _____ 3. David was kind to Mephibosheth and gave him some of the land that used to belong to Saul.
- _____ 4. Mephibosheth became lame when his nurse tried to run away with him and he fell.
- _____ 5. Ziba was a prophet who told David where to find Jonathan's family.

Short Answer:

6. What does "lame" mean? You can find the answer in the lesson.

7. Since Mephibosheth might have thought that David would hurt him or kill him, what did David tell him?

8. What two things did David say he would do for Mephibosheth?

9. Since Mephibosheth was crippled or lame, who would plant his land, care for it, and harvest the plants?

10. Mephibosheth ate at David's table as _____

Remember this:

11. How many of our promises does God expect us to keep?

12. Is it good enough to talk about being kind without doing anything?

13. I John 3: 17 says, "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" What does that mean? Use your own words. Ask a parent for help if you need it.

If we have _____
and see someone who _____, **but we**
don't _____, **we do**
not _____.

14. We show love by doing things. What do you do for other people to show your love?

10

Solomon Asks For Wisdom

I Kings 3: 1-15

Memory verse: “I will give you a wise and discerning heart.” I Kings 3: 12
 (“Discerning” means showing good judgment.)

Overview: At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Solomon said that God had been kind to his father David because he was faithful and righteous. Now God continued to be kind to Solomon. But Solomon was young and did not know how to be king. He was king of God’s chosen people- a large number of people. So, Solomon asked God to give him wisdom to govern His people and to know right and wrong.

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth..., nor asked for the death of your enemies but for wisdom in [ruling the people] I will do what you have asked.” God said that he would make Solomon wiser than anyone else had ever been or will ever be. Also, God said that He would give Solomon what he had not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that no other king would be like him. If Solomon obeyed God, God would also give Solomon a long life. Then Solomon woke up—and he realized it had been a dream.

Solomon already showed wisdom when he asked for wisdom to judge his people and know right from wrong. He did not selfishly choose to ask God for riches or long life; but because he asked for wisdom, God told him that he would also give him the wealth and long life.

Lessons to learn:

Solomon was not selfish or greedy when he asked God for wisdom.

We should watch to see what is right and what is wrong and be sure that we are always doing right

God gives us wisdom through the Bible now. We have to read and know it.

We are wise when we **DO** what the Bible tells us to do

Solomon had to obey God to have riches and long life, too.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Solomon remembered the good that God had done for David, his father.
- _____ 2. Solomon wanted to be able to rule over Israel wisely.
- _____ 3. Solomon had to obey God in order to have a long life.
- _____ 4. Solomon didn't make a wise decision when asking God for what he wanted.
- _____ 5. "Discerning" would be the same as knowing right from wrong.

Short Answer:

6. Tell when God asked Solomon what he wanted.

7. Why had God been kind to David?

8. What did Solomon ask for, and why did he ask for it?

9. What did God give Solomon in addition to what Solomon asked for?

10. What did God mention that He was glad that Solomon had not asked for?

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Remember this:

11. What did Solomon have to do to have a long life? _____

12. What does God say that you can do to have a long life? Read Ephesians 6: 1-3 and fill in the blanks.

The commandment-

_____, obey your parents in the _____,

for this is right. “Honor your _____ and _____”

(this is the first commandment with a promise),

The promise-

Verse 3 “that it may _____ with you and

that you may _____ long in the land.”

13. What book teaches us to be wise today? _____

14. Does God talk to us in dreams today? _____

11

Solomon Shows His Wisdom

I Kings 3: 16-28

Memory verse: “All Israel stood in awe of the king, because ...he had wisdom from God.” I Kings 3: 28

Overview: Two women came to Solomon arguing over whose baby was killed accidentally. One woman told Solomon that they both lived in the same house with their two babies. During the night the other woman’s son had died because she had laid on him. “So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son while I was asleep, and put the dead baby by me. The next morning, I got up and my baby was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn’t my son.”

The other woman said, “No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours.”

But the first one insisted, “No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine.” And so they argued before the king.

Solomon said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought him a sword. Then he ordered. “Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other.” He did not actually mean to cut the baby in half, but he knew how the real mother would feel about it.

The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, “Please,... give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!”

But the other said, “Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!”

Then the king gave his ruling: “Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother.”

When all Israel heard the ruling the king had given, they held the king in awe, (respected, honored him) because they saw that he had wisdom from God to rule justly.

Lessons to learn:

God gave Solomon wisdom and Solomon used it to rule his people.

The women argued about whose baby was killed, but Solomon knew how to find out the truth.

The mother of the living child loved him too much to let him be hurt.

True or False:

- _____ 1. One woman killed her child on purpose.
- _____ 2. The woman whose son died, tried to exchange babies without the other woman knowing it.
- _____ 3. Each woman claimed that the living baby was hers.
- _____ 4. Solomon meant to cut the baby in half and teach the women a lesson for arguing.
- _____ 5. The woman whose baby was dead, loved the living baby too.

Short Answer:

6. Solomon had to judge his people. How did he know what was right and what was wrong?

7. How was the baby accidentally killed?

8. What did the woman with the dead baby do with him during the night?

9. Could Solomon tell which woman was the real mother of the living baby from the women's stories?

10. What did Solomon know the real mother would do when he said to cut the baby in half?

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Remember this:

11. The woman whose baby died was very sad and really wanted a baby to love, but list at least two things she did wrong.

12. Is there ever a reason to do wrong things?

13. When the Israelites heard about Solomon's wisdom, they knew the wisdom was from _____.

14. The mother of the living baby loved him so much that she was willing to

rather than have him killed.

15. What kind of woman was the mother of the dead baby? Be ready to give examples.

12

Solomon Builds the Temple

I Kings 5: 1-6: 38, 7: 13-51; II Chron. 2:1- 5:14

Memory verse: “So Solomon built the temple and finished it.” I Kings 6:14

Overview: When David was king, God told him that Solomon would build Him a house. Now King Solomon wanted to build a Temple for God where the people would come to worship Him. He hired workmen who carved wood, cut stones, and worked with gold.

Hiram the king of Tyre, had been a friend of King David and was happy to help his wise son Solomon. He supplied cedar and cypress wood to build the Temple. Then all the wood inside of the Temple, including the floor was covered with gold!

Many tables, lamp stands, bowls, and washbasins of glittering bronze and gold were made to put into the Temple. The outside of the Temple had giant pillars and was decorated beautifully, too.

The word of the Lord came to Solomon: “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.”

When the Temple was finished seven years later, King Solomon called all the people of Israel to come celebrate. The Ark of the Covenant was brought into the Most Holy Place; and when the priests left the Temple, the cloud of the Lord filled the Temple. The two stone tablets with the Ten Commandments were still in the Ark of the Covenant.

Solomon blessed the people, and reminded them that God had kept the promise that He had made. All the people were joyful because of all the good things the Lord had done for them. Finally, King Solomon prayed to God and sacrificed to Him to dedicate the Temple. 120,000 sheep and 22,000 oxen were sacrificed.

Lessons to learn:

Only the best is good enough for God.

The Temple would be the place for Israelites to worship God.

God kept His promise to let Solomon build the Temple. God keeps all of His promises.

We should always be thankful for the many things God has done for us.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Part of the inside of the Temple was covered in gold.
- _____ 2. All the furniture and bowls in the Temple were gold.
- _____ 3. God would stay in the Temple and with His people forever, no matter what happened.
- _____ 4. The Temple was built in seven years.
- _____ 5. Solomon and the people were thankful and joyful for what God had done for them.

Short Answer:

6. Who sent wood to Solomon to build the Temple? _____

7. What were the furniture, lamp stands, and bowls made of? _____

8. What was placed in the Most Holy place?

9. What filled the Temple after the priests left?

10. How many sacrifices were made to God to celebrate the building of the Temple?

continued

Remember this:

11. How many of His promises to Israel did God keep? _____

12. Solomon found good workmen to build the Temple and make the things to go in it. He wanted to give the best to God. Should we be giving the best to God, too?

13. What did God tell Solomon that he (and the Israelites) must do for God to live among them and not leave them?

14. What other place of worship had the cloud or glory of God filled when the Israelites were in the wilderness?

15. What was still in the Ark of the Covenant?

Can you remember what else had been in it before?

13

God Blesses Solomon

I Kings 9: 1-9; II Chronicles 7: 11-22

Memory verse: “If My people who are called by My name, humble themselves, and pray...I will hear.” II Chronicles 7: 14

Overview: As soon as Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house and all that Solomon desired to build, the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time in the night, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. And the Lord said to him, “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever. My eyes and My heart will be there for all time. And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping My statutes (laws) and My rules, then I will establish your royal throne, as I promised David your father, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.’

But if you turn aside from following Me, then I will cut off Israel from the land that I have given them... And this house will become a heap of ruins. Everyone will say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?’ Then they will say, ‘Because they abandoned the Lord their God. Therefore the Lord has brought all this disaster on them.’”

Lessons to Learn:

God always keeps his promises.

God hears the prayers of his righteous people.

When people are humble enough to repent of their sins, start doing good things, and ask for forgiveness, God will forgive them.

There are good benefits from obeying God, and there is punishment for disobeying Him.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Solomon built more things besides the Temple.
- _____ 2. Solomon had prayed to God to hear his prayers and the prayers of the Israelites.
- _____ 3. If anyone (good or evil) prayed to God in a time of trouble, God would hear the prayer.
- _____ 4. God would take away the land he had given to the Israelites if they did not obey Him.
- _____ 5. God had promised David that his family would rule over Israel forever, no matter what Solomon and the family acted like.

Short Answer:

6. When did God appear to Solomon? _____

7. Fill in the blanks. The Lord said,

“I have heard your _____ and have chosen this

place for Myself as a house of _____.”

8. What punishments might God send on the Israelites when they were sinning? God mentioned three things.

9. What did Solomon have to do to have God bless his throne?

10. What would be the punishment be if Solomon and the Israelites did not obey God?

Remember this:

11. "Humble" means modest, meek, or not proud. When someone realizes he has sinned, he has to become humble to pray to God and ask for forgiveness. Put the steps to repentance in order below.

1. Realize you have sinned _____
2. Keep doing good _____
3. Say you are sorry/pray _____
4. Stop doing the bad thing/
stop sinning _____
5. Start doing good things _____

12. Fill in the blanks.

"if we ask anything according to _____ ,

He hears us." I John 5: 14

13. Fill in the blanks.

The _____ is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the _____. Proverbs 15:29

14. Think about the verses above. Does God listen to everyone's prayers?

14

Solomon Disobeys God

I Kings 11

Memory verse: “Since you have not kept my covenant ... I will surely tear the kingdom from you. I Kings 11: 11

Overview: Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, from the nations which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after idols, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built high places for worshipping idol gods for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice and had commanded him that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the Lord commanded. Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant (agreement) and my statutes (laws) that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. But for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.”

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years. Then Solomon died and was buried in the city of David his father. (Jerusalem) And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

Lessons to Learn:

Even though Solomon had great wisdom, he did not use it when he chose many women to marry.

Evil wives or husbands can turn a person away from God.

God also keeps his promises to punish sin.

Solomon was the last king over all of Israel. (The United Kingdom) Now the kingdom would be divided.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Solomon followed God's marriage laws.
- _____ 2. David wholly followed God's laws, but Solomon did not.
- _____ 3. God had warned Solomon not to follow after idols.
- _____ 4. God had chosen Jerusalem (for a special reason).
- _____ 5. Jeroboam was Solomon's son.

Short Answer:

- 6. Solomon had _____ wives and _____ concubines.
- 7. How many times had God appeared to Solomon? _____
- 8. Should Solomon have known better than to marry so many wives and follow them to worship idols? How do you know?

- 9. What was Solomon's punishment for worshipping idols?

- 10. How many tribes would be left to Solomon's son? _____
- 11. Who was Solomon's son who would rule after him?

Remember this:

12. How many wives should Solomon have had? _____

I Cor. 7: 2 says, "...each man is to have his own wife."

13. What kind of wife should Solomon have looked for? Remember what God had told the Israelites about marrying.

14. Solomon had the greatest wisdom that anyone had ever had, but he chose not to do the right thing. He put his love for his wives above his love for God. Number the groups below in the right order of importance. 1,2,3 #1 is most important.

YOURSELF

OTHERS

GOD

15. God had chosen Jerusalem for a special reason. It was called the City of David. It would be an important city until after Jesus came. Find Jerusalem on the map.

