

DAVID'S REIGN

Trials and Triumphs



Lesson 1: From Defeat to Victory

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours **prior** to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 28:1-19; 29:1-30:19 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 9-13 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

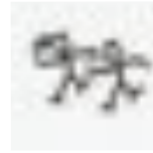
TEACHER'S TIP

Never apologize for making a mistake while teaching - this calls attention to it and can be distracting for the children. Rather, move on with the story without any pauses.

Story Outline Lesson 1: From Defeat to Victory

1. **Introduction:** Have you ever been afraid? Sometimes fear can cause us to do strange and even dangerous things.
LINK: Let's see what happened to a king and a soldier who let fear guide their actions.
2. David and his men fled from Saul to the land of the Philistines, where he pretended to serve the enemy king by attacking other enemies.
3. King Achish told David he was to help the Philistines fight against Israel
LINK: David had ignored God's will, letting fear control and defeat him. Now he was more fearful than ever. Do you sometimes let fear control you?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #1
4. Saul viewed the enemy and, filled with fear, he sought God's direction but received no response.
LINK: Saul's sin stood between him and God. Did you know that your sin stands between you and God too?
GOSPEL BOOKMARK
5. As Saul consulted a fortune teller, God allowed Samuel to appear.
6. Samuel reminded Saul that the kingdom would be given to David and said that he and his sons would die in battle the next day.
7. David was rejected from the battle when his loyalty was questioned.
8. Returning to Ziklag, David and his men were grieved to find the city burned by the Amalekites, and their families missing.
9. David encouraged himself in the Lord and sought the Lord's guidance.
LINK: Instead of giving into fear, David looked to God for victory. If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you don't have to give in to fear.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #2
10. With the promise of victory from God, David's army pursued the Amalekites.
11. **CLIMAX:** David and his men defeated the enemy and rescued their families as they looked to God for victory!
12. Everything the Amalekites had stolen was recovered.
LINK: David learned how important it is to look to God for victory over problems instead of trying to handle things his own way. If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, will you look to God for victory over problems?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #3
INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



2 Tim. 1:7

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Note to Teachers:

Remember: simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must **TEACH** truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and **APPLY** it to their lives, which is the **REASON** you are teaching them a **LESSON**, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points **WITHIN** an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. **DON'T** neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the **MEAT** of your lesson!!

LINK: David had ignored God's will, letting fear control and defeat him. Now he was more fearful than ever. Do you sometimes let fear control you?

1. **If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, God wants you to look to Him for victory over problems. All of us are afraid at times.
2. It's not a sin to have a fearful thought. There are things you should be afraid of - like traffic on a busy street! This kind of fear reminds you to be careful and keeps you safe.
3. But when fear controls you, making you worry about what might happen and keeping you from making good decisions, things often go from bad to worse!
4. Do these kinds of fearful thoughts come from God? No! These thoughts come from your enemy, Satan.
5. Satan knows that if you let fear control you, you may lie or do some other sinful thing to solve your problems.
6. For example, you may lie and tell your mother you're sick because you're afraid of failing a test at school.
7. It is never God's will for you to be controlled by fear. What does our memory verse say?
QUOTE 2 Tim. 1:7 with the children.

LINK: Don't be defeated by letting fear control you. David's decisions were controlled by fear.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



2 Tim. 1:7

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LINK: Instead of giving into fear, David looked to God for victory. **If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, you don't have to give in to fear.

1. God wants you to look to Him for victory over problems. Sometimes the problems you face can overwhelm you with fear and cause you to make wrong decisions.
2. When fearful thoughts come:
TELL God about them
THANK Him for His love
ASK God to help you trust Him to give you victory.
3. Thank God that He has not given you a spirit of fear: **QUOTE 2 Tim. 1:7 with the children.**
4. He can give you a calm mind and a peaceful heart in the most fearful situation as you trust Him.
5. He may not solve your problem the way you think He should, but He will always do what's best for you.

LINK: What a great example it would be for others to see you looking to God for victory over problems instead of giving in to fear! David remembered to look to God for victory instead of giving into his fearful situation.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



Romans 5:8

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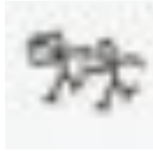
LINK: Saul's sin stood between him and God. Did you know that your sin stands between you and God too?

1. Sin is anything you **THINK, SAY, or DO** that makes God unhappy or breaks God's laws. Can you give me some **EXAMPLES** of sin?
2. You and I were **BORN** wanting to do sinful things - no one had to teach us how. The Bible says that "**ALL** have sinned" (Rom. 3:23).
3. But God, who created (**MADE**) you is also **HOLY** (perfect), which means sin cannot be in heaven with God. So the **PUNISHMENT** for sin is separation from God forever.
4. Because God loves you, He sent His **PERFECT SON** Jesus to earth, where He grew up and lived a perfect life. He willingly **TOOK** the punishment that you and I deserve for our sin when He gave His **BLOOD** on the cross.
5. Jesus was nailed to the cross, and He **DIED** for your sins and mine, even though He didn't deserve it! The Bible says: **READ Romans 5:8.**
6. Jesus wanted to take the punishment for your sins away so that now you can live in heaven one day with Him forever, if you trust on Him and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior.
7. Jesus didn't stay dead! He **ROSE** again 3 days later, and now He lives in heaven with God!

LINK: You can turn from your sin and be saved by believing in what Jesus did for you. Then your sin will no longer stand between you and God. King Saul's sin stood between Him and God.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



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LINK: David learned how important it is to look to God for victory over problems instead of trying to handle things his own way. **If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, will you look to God for victory over problems?

1. Even this week there will be problems to face. When those problems come, **tell** God about your fears.
2. Thank God for His love and ask Him to help you **trust** Him to give you victory.
3. Remember our memory verse:
QUOTE 2 Tim. 1:7 with the children
4. You can **say a prayer** and ask God to help you face the problem in your life.
5. When God gives you victory over your problems, either by helping the situation or by helping you not be afraid of the situation, come back and share that story with me!!

LINK: You can't have victory in your life until you first believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior and ask Him to change your sinful life.

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Acts 16:31

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LINK: You can't have victory in your life until you first believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior and ask Him to change your sinful life.

1. **REVIEW:** If you know that you have sinned, because the Bible says that ALL have sinned, and if you believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin and ask Him to save you, then the Bible promises you will be saved!
2. **READ VERSE:** Acts 16:31
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** This verse means if you **TRUST** what Jesus did on the cross for you to forgive your sin, and if you **ADMIT** to God that you have sinned and that you can **NOT** save yourself, and **CALL** on Jesus to ask Him to be your **LORD** and **SAVIOR**, then you will be saved!!

Remember: believing in Jesus is the **ONLY** way you can be saved from your sins. You can't ever be good enough to save yourself, and no other gods on earth can save you from your sin. Only by trusting in Jesus and asking Him to be your Lord and Savior can save you and allow you to live with God in heaven one day!!
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can do that today, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.